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### Police check hospitals over 'backdoor euthanasia'

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

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THE deaths of at least 50 hospital patients around Britain are being investigated by police and health of-ficials amid allegations of a creepping tide of backdoor euthanasia

Seven separate inquiries are looking into claims that doctors have withheld intravenous drips from dehimeter & hydrated patients, often while they were under sedation, and left them to die from thirst. The patients involved were suffering from strokes. asthma, other common medical conditions and dementia. At least five hospitals - in Derby, Surrey,

of police inquiries as a result of relatives' complaints or nurses' whistleblowing, while others have been referred to the General Medical Council and health authorities.

The Crown Prosecution Service will soon decide whether to prosecute in two important cases in which doctors have been accused of manslaughter due to criminal negligence. In the most serious of these, police are investigating 40 deaths at the Kingsway Hospital in Derby. where nurses claimed that dementia sufferers-on a psycho-geriatric

The inquiry was launched in November, 1997 after junior nurses tomptained, and papers relating to patients at the hospital between 1993 and 1997 are expected to be sent to the CPS in the spring. In general, the practice of deny-ing nourition and fluids to patients

diagnosed as entering the final phase of a terminal illness is defended as "helping nature to take its course". But some doctors condemn it as involuntary euthanasia. The cases of patients in persistent

vegetative state (PVS) such as the

Hillsborough disaster victim Tony Bland, must be referred to the courts. But a grey ethical area allows doctors to "exercise their clinical judgment" in other cases.

Sources in the medical profession suggest that some may be using that discretion to keep patients quiet and acquiescent on the wards. Some who have had had a momentary choking fit, for example, have then been put on a nil-by-mouth re-gime, sedated and left to dehydrate. Dr Gillian Craig, a retired con-sultant geriatrician from North-

ampton, has told the Royal College of Physicians that water and food

palliative medicine is a major defence against euthanasia, but please heed my warning. Sedation without hydration has enormous

mount to euthanasia.

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Another case being considered by the CPS concerns the death of an 81-year-old woman who was admitted to hospital in Surrey in May 1997 for treatment for consupation and a urine infection. Her health was otherwise good. She was de-nied intravenous fluids, in spite of the pleading of relatives.

At one stage a hospital crash team, called at her daughter's insistence by a doctor previously unconnected with the case, carried out emergency measures that required cutting into her neck and groin arteries to insert fluid lines. But septi-caemia and multiorgan failure had by then set in. Her daughter said: This was not a dying patient when she was admitted. In fact she was a relatively healthy lady, full of fun. with a relatively common problem. Six days later she was on her death bed as a direct result of dehydration. I had literally begged them with my hands pressed together in supplication to rehydrate her."

The issue of withholding or withdrawing treatment has been taken Continued on page 2, col 5

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### Saddam tries to lure US jets into trap

FROM DAMIAN WHITWORTH IN WASHINGTON

AMERICAN fighter aircraft set up after the 1991 Gulf War attacked Iraqi planes in the air to protect Kords in the north the first time for six years and Slattes in the south. But vesterday after Saddam Hus-sein apparently tried to hire the Western pilots into a trap. Six air to air missiles were

fired at warplanes in the southern no-fly zone, which was being pairolled by FI4 Navy jet-sand FI5 fighters. Iraqi MiGand Mirage warplanes com-mitted eight separate viola-tions with between 13 and 15 planes yesterday, but none ap-peared to have been shot down in the two skirmishes in which missiles were fired - although one is thought to have crashed

after running out of fuel. The Pentagon suspected that Saddam was trying to here American planes into are as where they would be vulnerable to surface to air missiles or surprise attack from other aircraft, but the spokesman Ken Bacon said that American pilots were trained to deal

with that Yesterday's incidents folowed two missile exchanges with traqi missile batteries in eight days. Saddam has said that Baghdad will no longer recognize the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq.

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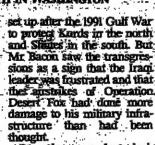
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Reporting yesterday's incident, an Iraqi military spokes-man said: "The hawks of our brave air force confronted and clashed with the aggressive American and British planes at 10.22 (0722 GMT) and the enemy planes withdrew. All the planes of our air force returned to their bases safely."

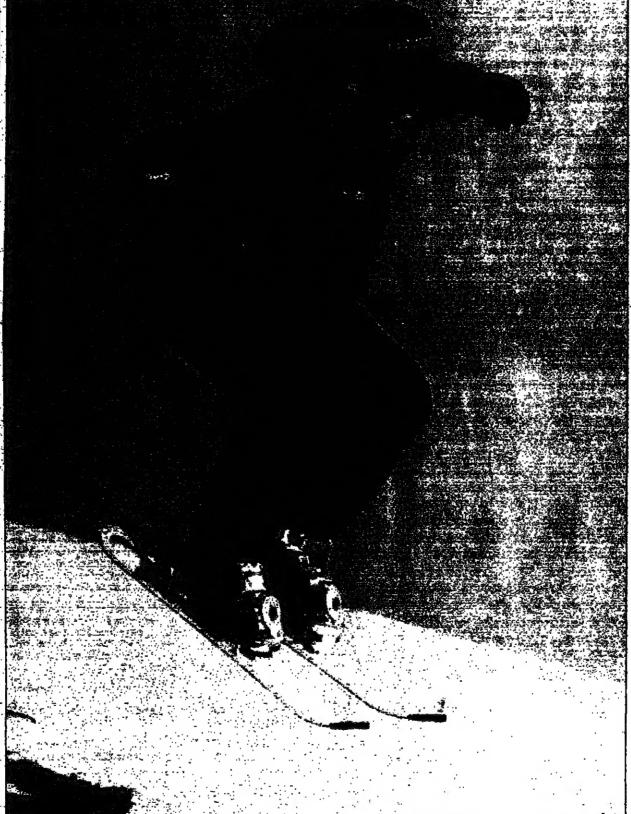
At the same time, Saddam urged Arabs to overthrow their leaders if they were allied to America. "Revolt against foreign powers, their aggression and their armies and chase them. Kick out injustice and its perpetrators," he said in a speech to mark the anniversa-ry of the foundation of the Iraqi army. "Revolt against those who boast of friendship with the United States, those who are guided by (US Defence Sec-retary) William Cohen. The dwarves on their

thrones will be forced to hear you, or else they will step down to give way for the people to say their opinion and

rake their action." The city of Jerusalem was a "humiliated hostage" and the holy Muslim city of Medina, in Saudi Arabia, was "wounded by the presence of foreign soldiers and their spears. Look around to see how mischie vous persons have humiliated your sacred places which are now trodden by foreign powers after conniving with them so as to but the great Iraq of Jihad," Saddam said.

The renewed military action came as the White House contimed with preparations for Mr Clinton's trial by the Senare, which opens tomorrow. The hearing, once expected to be over by next week, is now thought more likely to be a full-scale trial with witnesses. including Monica Lewinsky.





Prince Harry shows off his jumping skills on a pair of 3ft snowblades during a photocall at Klosters yesterday

### Prince Harry takes to the air with the latest skiing craze

By ALAN HAMILTON

PRINCE HARRY gave a powerful boost to the latest winter craze of snowblading yesterday when he executed a small but perfect ski jump in front of the world's media and landed on his feet maided by the steadying influence of poles.

There was no mistaking the generation gap between the 14-year-old Prince and his 50-year-old father as they performed their ritual photocall for the press during their an-nual skiing holiday at Klosters in the Swiss Alps. The Prince of Wales led off with a small and cautious jump from a modest snow hummock using conventional

skis and poles. But his son quickly out-shone him Wearing a pair of 3ft snowblades, less than half the length of traditional skis. given to him by their French manufacturers, Harry soared

ther's effort, and landed without faltering.
Photocalls at Klosters are

something of a tribulation to the Prince and his sons, so much so that the shy Prince William elected to stay behind this year and join friends in Scotland. The Prince of Wales agrees to one brief meeting with the press in the hope that they will then leave him alone for the rest of his week's holi-

Last year, in the wake of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the arrangement worked well. This year the Prince and his younger son. by performing tricks for the cameras, have given the media appetite for more. In a brief and amicable ex-

change with reporters the Prince was asked whether he or his son was the better skier. That is not a fair question; I suspect youth has the advantage," he replied. Asked if he would be sending a postcard to Prince William, the Prince

wryly replied: "I think Wil-liam will be able to read about equivalent of in-line skating.

Prince Harry is emerging as an enthusiastic and compe tent skier, more Harry the Hawk than Eddie the Eagle. Last year he tried Big Foot fun skis: this year he has mastered snowblades, described by



slightly wider and more flexible than regular skis. The main advantage of

snowblades over the Big Foot skis is speed. Their manoeuvrability also make them good for flips and jumps and snowbladers are set to rival snowboarders for tricks on the snowboarding parks springing up in Alpine resorts. Purists turn their noses up at snowblades as they sink in deep powder snow.

Snowblades do not have the normal ski binding which releases the foot when the wearer falls. Instead they have an adjustable binding keeps boot and ski together whatever happens.

The Princes are accompanied on their holiday by Tiggy Legge-Bourke, a former nanny to the Prince's children. and Tara Palmer-Tomkinson, the so-called "It" girl whose parents are long-standing skiing partners of the Prince.

### Aden orders out anti-terror Yard squad

FROM DANIEL McGrory IN ADEN

TWO Scotland Yard detectives were told last night to leave Aden on the first available flight after being refused permission to interview the leader of the gang that abducted 16 Western hostages.

The order to leave the port city came hours after the Governor of Aden promised the anti-terrorist detectives full co-operation. The sudden change of heart by the Yemenis may well cause a serious diplomatic rift. The joint Scotland Yard and FBI investigation becomes cannot question Abu Hassan or the three terrorists arrested in Aden for trying to blow up

British targets. British diplomats were stunned by the order from Aden's security chief, General Mohammed Saleh Turaik, who had been prepared to let police visit the scene of the gunfight in which four hostages died. The FBI and the Yard detectives have not yet been ordered out of Yemen. But that may happen if diplomatic rela-

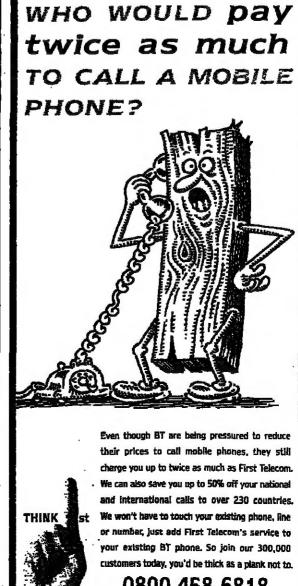
tions worsen today. Swift retaliation is expected from Whitehall and Washington, who fear Yemen is being used as a base by Islamic ter-

The FBI is convinced the kidnap last week was carried out by Islamic terrorists funded and trained by the Saudi billionaire Osama bin Laden, who is accused of being behind a series of bombings on Western targets.

Diplomats will try to get senior Yemeni officials to changetheir minds today, but the two detectives are returning to the fice has already strongly criticised the Yerneni government for their handling of this af-

The Yard detectives have now spent four days being refused any access to any of the key figures involved in the recent terrorist atrocities. The Yemeni authorities fear the Yard team will uncover embarrassing links with major terrorist groups, including bin Laden, whose family have investments in the country.

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A job at the TGWU would keep Brown's former aide in touch, says Roland Watson

CHARLIE WHELAN, the Chancellor's departing spin-doctor, is tipped for a job with the Transport and

General Workers' Union. Rather than turning his back on frontline politics following a turbulent 20 months in the Treasury, the move would allow the controversial Mr Whelan to remain closely in-

volved in the Westminster scene. Speculation about such a move has already prompted fears in government circles that Mr Whelan, blamed by ministers for leaking the details of Peter Mandelson's £373,000 home loan, could use the post to act as a thorn in the Govern-

source, asked how Downing Street

would react if Mr Whelan moved to the TGWU, said "with absolute hor-

Mr Whelan, said by friends to remain very committed to the world of organised labour, indicated yesterday that he was not looking for a lucrative job in the City, despite ru-moured six-figure offers.

Another potential avenue - his hopes of securing a job with his beloved Tottenham Hotspur - also appeared to be dashed last night. Alan Sugar, the chairman of the Premier

League club, interrupted a holiday in the United States to say: "I have had no contact with Mr Whelan and personally cannot conceive of any role for him at Tottenham."

But the possibility of Mr Whelan working for the TGWU is said to have been raised at the highest levels of the union. Bill Morris, the TGWU general secretary, is a close ally of Mr Brown, and the union has been a consistent supporter of the

Mr Whelan is highly regarded in union circles, both for his ideologi-

cal roots on the left - he is a former communist - and for his ability as a backroom fixer while working for

the AEU. However, such a high-profile return to his roots would unsettle. those ministers who want his departure from the Treasury to draw a line both under the affair of Mr Mandelson's home loan and the often bitter personal rivalry between the camp-followers of Mr Brown

and the Prime Minister. Mr Whelan was last night expected to leave his job within days following a day of concerted Tory attacks. The Opposition said it was untenable for him to remain in office so close to the March Budget after he had announced his resignation.

In comments interpreted by MPs as a signal to Mr Whelan not to delay his departure, Peter Killoyle, minister in the Cabinet Office, said he believed the spin-doctor would be leaving "sooner rather than later".

The job of the TGWU's senior press spokesman has been vacant since the summer and the union is currently undergoing an internal reorganisation. Mr Morris told The Times last night that the possibility of Mr Whelan working for the winn was a "hypothetical situation". He added: "You are asking me a question out of the blue. We have no need for a press officer and I do the

hiring and firing around here." Mr Whelan, who was unavailable for comment, will need the "agreement of the Crown" before he takes up any job outside Government. The words are included in his contract, as they are for all special advisers employed by ministers. The Crown" in this instance means Sir Andrew Turnbull, the Permanent Secretary at the Treasury.

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Unionist rift over Sinn Fein

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One of the smallest parties in the Northern Ireland Assembly split yesterday when four of its five representatives aban-doned their leader. The defertors formed the Northern Ire-land Unionist Party, leaving Robert McCartney, the MP for North Down, as the sole voice in the assembly of the UK Unionist Party.

The break was over his call for a walkout if Sinn Fein is admitted to the executive without prior IRA decommissioning. There are now seven Unionist groups.

#### Terrorists foiled

The Continuity IRA - the group not to have declared a ceasefire — was yesterday said to be behind a bungled £500,000 raid on a security van in Dublin. Garda sources believe the terrorists were on a fund-raising mission to sponsor a new wave of terrorism when they ramined a Brinks Allied security van.

#### Ward suspect

A second suspect was charged yesterday with the murder of British tourist Julie Ward in the Masai Mara game reserve in Kenya ten years ago. David Kadula ole Nchoko, 28, a former clerk at the reserve, ap-peared in court in Nairobi before the chief magistrate Peter Mugo. He did not enter a plea but faces the death penalty if

Born in prison 🎉 A woman gave birth to a boy only hours after being jailed for four months for dealing in drugs. Sharon Williams, 32, began her sentence in the maternity unit of Fazakerley Hospital after going into labour as she was taken to the cells in Liverpool Crown Court. Wiliams, who has four other children, will be transferred to a mother and baby unit.

#### Pellet boy critical

A schoolboy was unconscious last night after he was shot in the head with an airgun pellet while playing with friends in Clacion, Essex, Richard Bryant, 13, was transferred to a specialist neurological unit after it was found that the pellet was lodged close to his brain. A 14 year-old boy was later arrested on suspicion of causing

#### Train hits car

A passenger train caught fire after vandals pashed a burn-ing car into its path. There were more than 40 commuters on board, all of whom escaped injury. The two-car-riage train crashed into the stolen car on a level crossing near Cwmbach, South Wales Flames engulfed one of the carriages, shattering windows and melting seats.

#### MoD sex case

A senior army officer, cleared of scandalous conduct after an affair with a Wren, started a sex discrimination case against the Ministry of Deant-Colonel Keith Pople, 42: martial. Lieutenant-Commander Karen Pearce, with whom he had the affair, is being con-

### Muslim protesters will dog Blair's trip to South Africa

TONY BLAIR'S first official visit to South Africa risks being overshadowed by demonstrations by angry Muslims protesting over Britain's decision to join in air attacks on

Mulsims against Global Op-pression (MAGO) have threat-ened to hold a mass demonstration in Cape Town on Thursday, and further protests in other areas.

The group has insisted that they will hound the prime minister throughout his visit, the first to South Africa since Mr Blair gained power. It has made clear that it is totally opposed to the bombing of Iraq and was "disgusted at the killing of innocent women and children." the group's spokes-man has said: "We will hound

him wherever he goes."
But Downing Street made clear last night that the prime minister would be taking no extra security personnel with him on his trip, despite fears of mass protests. A spokesman said that Mr Blair had been aware of the threats but had no intention of changing his personal security arrange-

A spokesman said that the South African police would play a large role in ensuring adequate security during the visit and the prime minister was happy to rely on this, said

Demonstrators will hold mass

meetings against air

strikes, reports Jill Sherman

It is understood that security arrangements in South Africa are always very tight during visits of heads of state or

Mr Blair will be collected this morning from the Seychelles where he is holidaying with his wife and family, before flying to Pretoria for the start of his first visit to South Africa since he became prime

The prime minister's spokesman insisted that there would be no extra cost to the taxpayer divert to the Seychelles on a chartered British Airways Jumbo jet.

The aim of the visit is to bid farewell to the outgoing Presi-dent Nelson Mandela and strengthen ties with Thabo Mbeki, the deputy president who is likely to succed Mr Mandela later this year.

During his visit Mr Blair will have several meetings with Mr Mbeki to discuss new

investment and defence orders and an aid package for South Africa and the whole conti-

Mr Blair's spokesman said that the two men would discuss defence orders worth over Elbillion which covered a range of equipment and had alreadity involved extensive nego-

The spokesman also suggested that the trade links between the two countries could be supported by up to £4billion in ex-

trta British investment. The prime minister is determined to further develop Brit-ain's relations with South Africa and Africa as a whole. He will be discussing his government's "Third Way" approach which was similar to some policy thinking in South Africa.

The prime minister will also ask President Mandela to continue applying pressure to per-suade Colonel Gaddafi to agree a trial in The Hague for the two Libyans suspected of the Lockerbie Pam Am jet bombs. In addition give Presi-dent Mandela a detailed background on Britain's decision to join the US in the raids on

During his vistit he will also meet British defence advisers who have been helping to reconstruct South Africa's defence forces into a volunteer army capable of playing key

peacekeeping roles.



### Eagle off the danger list

THE magnificent white-tailed eagle is back in such numbers in Scotland that it was removed from the official list of rare birds yesterday.

Britain's largest native bird of prey suffered from the attentions of trophy hunters and sheep farmers to such an extent throughout the 19th century that the population dwin-dled rapidly, with the last pair breeding on Skye in 1916. establish themselves and Only the odd migrant was seen on British shores until 1968, when a project to reintroduce the white-tailed eagle. also known as the sea eagle, was launched on Rhum in the Inner Hebrides using birds from Norway.

The huge birds — scientific pame Haliacetus albicilia slowly but surely began to rebreed in small numbers. Now half a dozen pairs are breeding successfully in a good year - enough for them to be removed from the offical list of the British Birds Rarities

☐ The Savi's warbier is the latest officially endangered bird after numbers plummeted to one or two pairs.



### Care in community no threat, say psychiatrists

PSYCHIATRISTS provoked anger yesterday by saying that care in the community had had no effect on the number of murders committed by the

Research by two forensic psychiatrists for the Institute of Psychiatry showed a steady drop in the proportion of mur-ders committed by the mentally ill since the Fifties, despite the closure of mental hospitals and the adoption of communi-

There is a great anxiety that, with the advent of community care, that all of us become much more vulnerable," said Professor Pamela Taylor. press conference vesterday. The figures simply don't support that. There is no evidence to support the notion that community care has influenced the figures or made society a more

dangerous place." While around 40 people are killed each year by people with mental disorders, the research-ers emphasised that around 4,000 died annually on Brit-

Michael Howlett, director of the Zito Trust, said: "To compare the chances of being killed by a mentally ill person with the chances of being killed in a car crash is not only meaningless but insensitive to

the feelings of families who

have been bereaved. What the death of Jonathan Zito in 1992 exposed in graphic detail was the failure of services to cope with seriously difficult patients who are abandoned by those responsible for their wel-

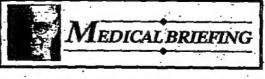
"It is remarkable that psychiatrists, who have been as vociferous as anyone in their criticism of Government policy. should now appear to be saying that root-and-branch re-

Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of SANE, said: "It benefits no one to ignore the flaws of a system whose failings are exposed time and again when

### very grateful for what life they

### Shifting views on euthanasia

FORTY years ago, when I was a junior hospital doctor, the care for the elderly and the terminally ill were well understood. We didn't need a High Court decision, welcome as the recent one has been, to allow us to use adequate doses of an-algesia to control pain, albeit that the side-effects might shorten the patient's life. However, even if we didn't strive officiously to keep patients alive by overtreating those who



did nothing to shorten a life detive was the earlier death of the patient. Older doctors are shocked at the idea of deliberare patients who are unlikely to make a good recovery but are likely to survive. A prob-lem is that, whereas to a young doctor the quality of life of these patients may seem so

### Police check hospital deaths

Continued from page 1 up by the British Medical Association in a huge consultation exercise and the association's medical ethics committee

hopes to produce practical guidelines when it is complete. The consultation paper, Withdrawing and Withholding Treatment. asks whether food and drink might be withdrawn from patients such as severely impaired stroke victims as well as those in a per-

sistent vegetative state But Dr Craig said: "This is already happening without any regulation whatsoever. Moreover, the BMA are clearly aware of this. It can happen

when the carers have reached the limit of their resources and are no longer able to stand pa-tients' problems without anxiety, guilt or anger. A sedanive will alter the situation and produce a patient who, if not dead, is at least quiet."

She also spoke about the dangers of grouping together patients who might be misti-agnosed as rerminally ill in institutions where staff are orientated towards death and nonintervention. She cited the case of an elderly man sent to hospital for terminal care with a diagnosis of cancer. The geriatrician felt the diagnosis was not

tion. With intravenous rehydration and intensive nursing, he recovered and went home for 18 months. Some doctors are concerned

over the distress dehydration can cause even in PVS patients. Dr Anthony Cole, a consultant paediatrician at Worcester Royal Infirmary and chairman of a Roman Catholic ethics committee. said: "There is some scientific evidence that, if the base of the brain is intact, patients will experience thirst even if the high-

er functions have been lost.

Death from dehydration is

who believe in it when they are young and active become much more stringent once the person questioned is older and If fluids are withdrawn death is inevitable from dehydration within days. If the patient is conscious the only way of saving them the discomfort. pain and restlessness that would precede their death is to

have. Research has shown

that the criteria considered to

warrant euthanasia by people

tranquillise them, even if the sedatives prescribed will further hasten their end. If the same sedanives were given as one massive dose nobody would have any doubts that this was euthanasia; and even if they are given in smaller doses over a period of time, the end result is the same. It is ironical that before a life-support machine can be turned off in the case of some-

one who, for instance, has suffered an irremediable head injury, the procedures that have and the decision is taken at the highest level.

are to be withheld so that the patient will surely die, this may be at the behest of jurior

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### Churches turn Che into the Son of God

revolutionary Che Guevara is being used by Britain's Churches to represent Jesus Christ in the latest Easter ad-

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vertising campaign.

The Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have distanced themselves from the campaign, even though both denominations were represented on the ecumenical group behind it.

The poster of Che, who exe-

cuted traitors in the jungle and once said he would "slit the throats of any enemy who falls into my hands", was also criti-cised by leading evangelicals and traditionalists. One leading bishop said it was especially misleading to portray a revolutionary image given the mealy-mouthed comments." of bishops over the Iraq affair

For the Churches' campaign, the world-renowned picture of Che Guevara has been overlaid with an image of Jesus from a classical painting to produce a black-on-red post-er designed to help new Christians discover the real Jesus.

The poster has clear overtones of the Alberto Korda photograph that has graced mil-lions of student bedsits and T-

Controversial advert claims

Jesus was a revolutionary reports Ruth Gledhill

shirts worldwide. Intended for church noticeboards, bus stops and adventising hoard-ings, it says: Meek and Mild. As If. Discover the Real Jesus. Church, April 4."

The campaign was master-minded by the same Christian advertising executives who dreamed up the controversial "Bad Hair Day" Christmas campaign. An earlier Easter campaign had to be with-drawn because of copyright problems with the intended slogan, based on the X-Files. Chas Bayfield, of the lead-

ing agency HHICL and Partners, which handles the Britvic Tango account and many others, is one of two advertising executives who donated their time free to draw up the campaign. Mr Bayfield,

who worked on the Che poster with Trevor Webb of the agen-CV DMB & B, said: "The traditional image of Jesus is a bit of a fairy in a white dress with a halo. The New Testament version is very different. Jesus is actually a revolutionary."

Mr Bayfield is a member of Christians in the Media, a group of about 30 advertising and marketing executives set up to belp the churches promote themselves better. He said he developed the

poster by taking the image of

Che Guevara and overlaying a classical painting of Christ he found on an Internet site. "Jesus was an angry man a lot of the time," he said. "He was not all sweetness and light. Those with a Sunday school view of Christianity might be shocked by it but any-

larly will not be." The Christians in the Media team was overseen by the Churches Advertising Net-work, an ecumenical group with representatives from all the mainstream churches. One member, the Rev Peter

one who reads the Bible regu-

Haslingfield, Cambridge, and a former advertising executive who was ordained priest in



Church leaders fear that the advertisement, reminiscent of the student posters of Che Guevara, will turn people away from the church

1995, admitted the advertisements were provocative. Referring to the Benetton campaigns, he said there was no intention on the network's

part to cause offence. "We do not want to use shock tactics." But he added: "The traditional Jesus has been seen as this meek and mild, almost ineffectual figure. But he was crucified for being quite the oppo-

site. We are not saying Jesus was a communist. We are saying Jesus was a revolution-

The Rev Tom Ambrose, of the Ely diocese and a member of the network, said the aim was to encourage people to challenge stereotypes: "We do not want to produce wallpaper, we want advertisements

ticed." He said the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, had not been consulted. When he showed the poster to his own Bishop, Dr Stephen Sykes, of Ely, the response

The network, set up in 1991 with a low-key advertising campaign in the Oxford dio-cese, is sending out 50,000 brochures to churches nationwide

urging them to buy the £15 four-sheet posters, or A3 post-ers for £1 each, to put on their noticeboards. The Right Rev Nigel McCul-

loch, Bishop of Wakefield and chairman of the Church of communications England committee, said: "There is a big difference between Che Guevara and Jesus. Some churches could bowl themselves out just by putting it up." The Right Rev Noel Debroy Jones, Bishop of Sodor and Man and former Chaplain of the Fleet, said he would be advising churches in his diocese not to use it. This is a bad attempt to get people into church. I am not one for little yellow chicks and fluffy things at Easter, but I don't think this poster

#### Barrister fined for harassing former girlfriend

BY SUSTE STEINER

A SENIOR barrister harrassed a temale colleague with prione calls, letters and misolicited visits in a bid to reagain their affair, a court beard yesterday. Justin Webster, who, frequently undertook cases for the Crown Prosecution Service, pleaded guilty to barassment charges at Horseferry. Crown Court. He how faces disciplinary action from the Bar Council.

The 37-year-old father of three pursued an affair with fellow barrister Bosmath Sheffi, 30, after the pair first met in April 1995. Stephen Hopkins, prosecuting, told the court that after a break-up in May 1996: Even when Miss Sheffi formed a brief relationship.

with someone else, he was un-relenting in his pursuit." The affair continued on and off until February last year. Webster was charged with harrassing Miss Sheffi between

February and May 1998. "He relephoned her hundreds of times at all hours of the day and night and repeatedly wrote her letters . . . it was also occasionally abusive and threatening. It caused her great and obvious distress,"
Mr Hopkins said.
Webster, of Bayswater, London, once made 23 calls to her

home within two hours. "He told her he had left a about her at two or three sets

of chambers which she want-ed to join," said Mr Hopkins. Edward Jenkins, defending. said: "It was a very passionate and difficult relationship He did not ever seek to wreck Miss Sheffi's career."

Magistrate Christopher Pratt fined Webster £1,200 and banned him from contacting Miss Sheffi for two years.

### Police facing mystery of murdered boy

CHRISTOPHER SWALES was a 15-year-old boy with every-thing to live for. He was populast at school and expected to

exams.
Soft his battered body was family on Sunday partially burlet on a beach at the Lincolnshire resort town of Skegness. police have been facing murder mystery. They have no clues as to how he came to be there. Their main lead is the receipts found on his clothing, which indicate that he spent some of the Saturday night beiore at a nightclub called The

Street At the Earl of Scarborough Schook which Christopher attended, pupils returned from their Christmas holidays to be told of his murder. Some have been counselled by teachers.

Steven Elliott, head teacher, said yesterday: - This really takes your breath away. I remember Chris laughing just before Christmas and now we have to get used to the fact that we're not going to see him

Mr Elliott said that Christopher was a bright, popular boy with a wide circle of friends. He was studying for ten GCSEs and teachers ex-



Christopher Swales: body partially buried

pected him to get some of the best results in the school.

It is understood that he had been staying with friends over the New Year weekend so his family did not consider him to be missing. Security video foot-age from the nightclub and tapes from cameras around the town centre have been collected for examination by detectives. Detective Superintendant Nick Howard, the officer leading the inquiry, said:

T would appeal to anyone who knows Christopher and saw him on Saturday evening or Sunday morning to contact the police as soon as possible."



Police search for evidence on the beach at Skegness

#### Drink mother had five children in car

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A WOMAN was three times over the drink-drive limit when her car carrying her five young children in the back ca-reered off the road, crashed into a field and nirned over. A police officer found Helen

Dargue, 32, of Newbiggin-bythe-Sea, Northumberland, wandering dazed and distressed around the field. Her children were lying on a nearby grass verge. Her 11-year-old daughter had a broken arm and the other four, aged between three and 12, complained of cuts and bruises.

Dargue, who had been drinking with her husband earlier in the day, was placed on probation for 18 months, disqualified from driving for two years and ordered to pay £40 costs by magistrates at Bedlington, Nortumberland, on Monday. She had admitted drink-driving.

The accident happened last November when the Renault Savanna car left the Al89 spine road near Cramlington. A policeman found the car on its roof in a farmer's field.

A subsequent breath test showed that Mrs Dargue had 95 millilitres of alcohol in her blood, 60 millilitres above the legal limit. The court was told that that Mrs Dargue was of good character and was extremely sorry for what she had done. It was entirely out of

John Lawson, for Dargue, said that she and her husband had been drinking to forget a "great personal loss" that she had suffered some years ago. A spokeswoman for the Campaign Against Drink Driving suggested that a twoyear driving ban was mild punishment for such a "stupid and irresponsible" action.

### Driver 'hung head in shame'

A STOLEN Range Rover that crossed the central reservation of a motorway into the path of a minibus, killing three people, was being driven by a 14-year-old

A survivor yesterday described how the boy sat with his head bowed, unable to look as emergency services battled to free the crash victims from the wreckage. Alicia Clair, a mother of four, said that he later admitted he had been driving.

Still shaken by the crash, Mrs Clair, 53, described the accident in which two wornen workmates and the minibus driver died on Monday. "Everybody was talking to each other about what they did on New Year's Eve and we were really happy and cheerful. I remember somebody shouting, 'Oh, my God.' I looked down Helen Johnstone on boy's admission at death crash scene

windscreen and there was a car hurtling towards us."

As she and the three boys in the Range Rover was being treated at the scene, she asked the schoolboy if he had been driving. "He said 'Yes' and just hung his head down in shame, looking at the ground. The driver looked young, but I was so shocked when I found out that he was

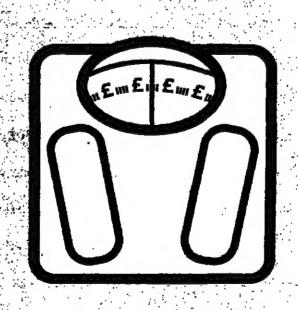
Hampshire Police yesterday confirmed that the Range Rover, which bethe aisle of the bus and through the front longed to a friend of the boy's family and took place on the A3(M).

had been parked outside his home in Clanfield, was reported stolen on Mon-day afternoon. The driver and two others, aged 15 and 16, from Petersfield, have been released on police bail until March.

A spokesman said a full investigation would be undertaken by accident investigation officers in consultation with the Crown Prosecution Service.

The dead man was yesterday named as Peter Mitchell, 41, a father of two from Bedhampton. It was later revealed that his brother-in-law only learnt while he was comforting his bereaved sister that his fiancee had also died in the crash.

Kevin Vicars, 24, and Ann Williamson. 30, lived in Southsea. Miss Williamson's colleague, Doris Hale, 41, from Ports mouth, also died in the collision which



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### Violent women , attack on quiet

By HANNAH BETTS

THE popular stereotype of the six per cent of the male victims battered husband as a henpecked weakling takes a knock in a survey today. Women attack men where

and when they are most vulnerable: one third of victims featured in the survey were ats tacked in their sleep and a quarter kicked in the testicles. One case involved a woman pouring bleach over her sleeping boyfriend's genitals.
The survey shows that an-

gry women can be just as vio-lent as men. Forty per cent used some kind of weapon to compensate for their relative lack of strength: knives were the instrument of choice, but hammers, bottles and stiletto shoes also featured Seventy violence

were bigger and stronger than the women who abused them. This may also account for the fact that 89 per cent of male victims felt that the police did not take their complaints seriously, only 7 per cent of women abusers were arrested.

The survey was conducted for the Charinel 4 documentary series Dispatches and the results will be screened tomorrow. It was analysed for the programme by Professor Kevin Browne of Birming ham University, a consultant to the Home Office on family violence. He said that it "certainly contains some surprises for those who study domestic

### Mints get pets out of a hole

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

FOR a peishop manager flooded out in the storms that battered Scotland this week, one well-known circular sweet will always be known as "the mint with the vole".

Stuart Sommervill used plastic Super Polo Mint containers as makeshift lifejackets for hamsters and guineapigs trapped in his shop in the Ayrshire coast town of Largs. Mr Sommervill, 31, who

runs Beaks n' Squeaks. feared for the lives of his smaller pets as the water rose to his waist and threatened to swainp the cages during 80mph gales that battered Scotland on Monday. Unable to open the petshop door because of the force of the water ter attention with a hairdryer.

outside, he and his menagerie of rabbits, birds, fish, hamsters and guinea pigs were trapped for three hours. After lifting some of the cag-

es to higher shelves and realising he could not hold up all the nets at once. Mr Sommervill snotted a can of foam and about five packets of Super Po-·los. In a flash of inspiration he seized on the idea of filling the plastic containers with foam and tying them to the little creatures with string to increase their bouyancy if the worst came to the worst.

Mr Somervill and his charges were eventually recrued and yesterday they were safe in the bedroom of his home af-

### I'll do it my way, says new man at Dome

LORD Falconer of Thoroton yesterday promised to "crack the whip" to get the Millennium Dome ready in time as he visited the site in Greenwich for the first time.

in the first day of his new job as Dome Minister, the peer praised the "immense" work of his predecessor. Peter Mandelson, but insisted that he would do things his way. He spent the day in a series

of briefings, being brought up to date on the progress of the Dome and the work needed to complete the £758 million project on time.

After touring the site, Lord Falconer said it was "very, very impressive", and brushed aside Tory accusations that he had been appointed as a result of his close friendship with Tony Blair. "It's for others to what my qualities are,"

Lord Falconer admits Jubilee

Line may not be completed in time, reports

James Landale

tell if he was right."
He added: "I don't think anyone can fill Peter Mandelson's boots. I could never emulate Peter in respect of the work he did for the Dome. I shall just have to do things in my own

Asked if he would be the "ringmaster" that the Dome

essary, crack the whip I will."
Although Mr Mandelson
was almost obsessive in his support for the Dome and over the last 18 months did much of the work necessary to get the project up and run-ning, Lord Falconer still faces a substantial in-tray.

As the Government share-holder in the New Millennium Experience Company — which runs the day to day work — he will not take operational decisions. But he is responsible for ensuring that the project is completed on time and fulfils all the Government's aims. He will also have to be the public face of the Dome in Government.

Top of his work list is the need to find more private sponsorship. The company has so



Lord Falconer at the Dome site yesterday: "I don't think anyone can fill Peter Mandelson's boots. I shall just have to do things in my own way

E120 million, short of its target.

As important are the worries about London Underwhich will link the Dome to the centre of the capital. Many fear it will not be ready in time, yet more than 40 per cent of the 12 million expected visitors are forecast to use the line to reach the site. Although the Transport Department, Lord Falconer will spend much time urging his colleagues to make sure that it is completed in time. We believe it will be, but I don't think there's anybody in the world who can completely guarantee it."

The peer will also have to en-"zones" within the Dome are completed on time and fit with

Ministers stipulated that they should be educational, inspiring, and that they involve the

whole country.

A fourth job for Lord Falconer's is what to do with the Dome after the millennium celebrations. Several companies have expressed an interest in turning the Dome into a convention centre, a regional sports centre or a massive leisure complex. Four consortia

- including a Hollywood film studio - were yesterday under-stood to have recently proposed turning the site into a film and television production complex. Lord Falconer and Cabinet Office officials will

later this month.

Lord Falconer will also have to start preparations for the massive New Year's Eve party

not consider formal bids until

Until 18 months ago. Charlie Palconer was an anonymous barrister who just happened to be a school friend of the Prime Minister, Enobled and thrust into the Government, he has been equally unknown as Soileitor General, then as Cabinet

Office Minister. Yesterday he took his first steps towards becoming a pub-



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#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### **Babysitter** on murder charge

A 12-year-old girl has ap-peared before a youth court in Manchester charged with the murder of a 16-month-old toddler. The girl, who cannot be named, is accused of fatally in-juring Molly Adams at the child's home in Crumpsall, Manchester, while babysitting last mouth. The toddler died in hospital from a fractured skull and brain injuries. but the girl denies that she de-liberately harmed her. She was remanded on ball until February 16.

#### Hoddle divorced

The 19-year marriage of Glenn Hoddle and his wife, Anne, ended yesterday after a court was told that he admitted adultery. The divorce was granted to Mrs Hoddle on the ground that their marriage had irrerievably broken down.

Anglian Water Services was fined £10,000 for supplying unfit water to Halstead in Essex in December 1977 after a burst main and a drop in a reservoir level. One woman found black water coming from her cold tap.

#### Gem of a man

Police have praised the honesty of Dave Gilbert, a railway worker who handed in £4,000. worth of stolen jewellery that he found in a bag on the plat-form of the Maidstone West station in Kent. The haul has been returned to its owners.

#### Burglary shock

A man returned home the day after his wife's death to find that burglars had broken in and stolen her wedding and engagement rings from a cup-board. George Saul, 80, of Bradford, had been married to Elsie, 79, for 58 years.

#### Coin identified

An Angio-Saxon gold coin been identified as a thrysma. It differs from five similar coins discovered at Crondail, Kent, in 1828 because the letters around the edge are thought to

#### Runaway couple spotted on train

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

THE police hunt for the runaway couple who vanished with their two foster children moved to the tourist areas of North Yorkshire yesterday atter they were seen on a scenic steam railway.

Jeffrey Bramley, 34, and his wife, Jennifer, 35, were noticed by a volumeer ticket collector sitting in a railway carriage with the girls. The collector, the Rey Jack Cooper, said that the older girl, five-year-old Jade Bennett, had been screaming and her sister, Han-

nah, three, appeared restless. Detectives have been searchmg for the missing "family" since they disappeared from their home in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, four months ago after the couple's application to become permanent adoptive parents had been turned

Mr Cooper, 54, telephoned police on Monday to tell them that he had seen saw a family answering the Bramleys description on the 1.50pm train from Grosmont, near Whitby. on Saturday. The four travelled through the Esk Valley and across the North York Moors before getting off the train at Pickering, about 15 miles from York, about 3pm. Mr Cooper said that the children's tantrums had annoyed other train passengers. The couple seemed inadequate. She was just sining there watching and he was trying to get them to be quiet but did not seem able to be making much of a job of it. The children leoked all sinks "he said dren looked all right," he said. The only reason I noticed them was because, quite blunt-

ly, the children were a damned nuisance." Mr Cooper told the girls a story about how noisy thildren frightened sheep. This seemed to calm them down but neither of the adults appeared happy about the

intrusion. Detective Sergeant Mark Nicholson, who is leading the search, said that the couple bed and breakfast hotels in the York area, but that police feared they may become desperate as their money began to

### Passenger tried to open jet door

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, AVIATION CORRESPONDENT

A DRUNKEN passenger on a transatiantic jet tried to open an exit door at 30,000 feet as cabin crew and other passengers struggled to restrain him. Witnesses said the man, a 31-year-old Scot. went "berserk", lashing out and injur-ing a crew member and three passengers. The incident on board a Continental Airlines flight to Gatwick, was described by police there as one of the worst cases of air rage

they had dealt with. The aircraft's second officer was called from the flight deck to try to subdue the man, who broke free and tried to open the rear door. Although locking systems and pressurised cabins should make it impossibe deemed an offence.

Action intended to endanger life is among the most serious offences under aviation law. It and a £5,000 fine.

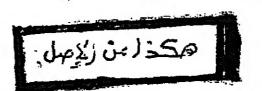
Police at Gatwick were alerted as the aircraft, flying from proached the airport on Monday night. By the time it had subdue the man and secure him to his seat using handcuffs, which are carried by

A man was released on bail.

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### Doctors cleared of killing cancer boy

Mother attacks decision to drop case, write Tim Jones and Alex O'Connell

two senior doctors were cleared yesterday of the man-slaughter of a 12 year-old cancet-victim as an Old Bailey judge condemned Great Ormond Street Hospital for Childrèn for a "chapter of accidents and misunderstandings". Richie William, who had

been given a 75 per cent chance of surviving chemother apy, died in agony five days after a drug was injected into his some instead of a vein.

Charges against John Lee, 34, a specialist registrar in pae-diatric anaesthetics, and Dermot Murphy, 34, a registrar in haematology, were withdrawn after an important prosecution witness changed his mind over their degree of culpability.

After the decision, the boy's other, Dolores William, 37, who is pursuing a civil claim for damages, said: "Instead of helping him to recover from his illness, Richie was injected with a drug that killed him. We expect hospitals to help to cure our children, not give them treatment that kills."

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Mrs William, of Catford, southeast London, who has two older daughters, added: We are still devastated by the way Richie died. He suffered a great deal of pain in the days before his death because of the negligent treatment he received. The doctors never personally apologised to me, Richard's dad or his sister. It

would go a long way." The Crown Prosecution Service had relied on the evidence of a prosecution witness, Alan Aitkenhead, in its decision to failures that had led to the press charges against the two



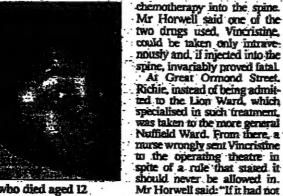
Delores and Richie William, who died aged 12

duct over the injection had fallen "seriously and significantly below that which could be de-. manded of him":

Professor of Anaesthetics at Nothingham University, decided that significant failures in the system operated by the hospital at the time had greater responsibility than he had first thought.

As a result, the CPS was advised to drop the prosecution because it was unlikely to secure a conviction. Yesterday the two men were found not guilty by the Recorder of London, Judge Michael Hyam.

week of intensive treatment and was about to have his last course of chemotherapy. Mr Horwell told the court that there had been a number of boy's death. Before the fatal in-



paediatrics and anaesthetics.

as taken to the more general Nuffield Ward. From there, a nurse wrongly sent Vincristine to the operating theatre in spite of a rule that stated it Mr Horwell said: "If it had not been sent to the theatre. Richie cuit while at Lewisham Hospiwould not have died." tal, which meant he had to Robert Greighton, the hospi wait six hours before he could tal's chief executive, said the

receive a general anaesthetic at Great Ormond Street. By the time his fast had ended, ed and would now be subject to an inquiry. Its conclusions the senior registrar who was due to administer the chemowould be sent to the General Medical Council, which would therapy was off duty. review their position. His case was taken over by Dr Lee, a specialist registrar in

A spokesman for Great Or mond Street said it had taken steps to improve communica

two doctors had been suspend-





Dr Lee, left, and Dr Murphy, from Great Ormond Street, were cleared of manslaughter at the Old Bailey yesterday

### Pair must wait to know fate

HE - two Great : Ormand : Inced by members of the profesprest doctors will continue to sion. He has a report out to the suspended from duty until morrow looking at the case of the case has been studied by 201 practitioners; suspended they be able to resume their specialised jobs.

If they are found guilty by the tribunal, the case may be referred to the General Medical Council to decide whether they should be struck off the medical register, but that is unlikely to happen now they have been cleared by the

Peter Tomlin, secretary of the Society of Clinical Psychiatrists, which champions the cause of suspended doctors, mid that the continuing susof the "unfair double jeopardy"

an NHS tribunal Only if them: over the past if years. It shows are cleared by the tribunal will — that the average cost of success they be able to resume their fully prospering one doctor is specialised jobs.

Only one doctor in six of those who are suspended is ever found to have been in the wrong, yet someone who is suspended without justification can have a career ruined after spending years waiting for the NHS to make up its mind," he

"An innocent person loses. his income, has a reputation smeared and yet has no recompense. The longer the case, the worse the injustice, and some cases can drag on for years without a result."

#### **Scientists** discover cancer protector

BY IAN MURRAY

A WAY of making cancer cells oped by scientists who believe the discovery could lead to a new generation of drugs to tackle the disease.

A team from Brunel University in West London, has found a way of neutralising the enzyme that protects cancer cells from the natural ageing process that destroys nor-

Robert Newbold, who led the research, said: "An international race to find this natural inhibitor has been running for many years and this latest distinct has really put British scientists a step ahead."

Normally, old or damaged cells stop dividing and self-december in order to prevent any

struct in order to prevent any mutations being duplicated and growing into rumours. However, cancer cells comain an enzyme called "telomerase" which overrides this natural process, so they ignore the selfdestruct messages and contin-ue to multiply indefinitely.

Reporting the findings in today's issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute, Professor Newbold says they have now discovered a way of switching off the enzyme so that the normal process takes over. The next stage will be to and ways to mimic the group of genes that effectively control the natural ageing process of cells. It is hoped this will lead. to the synthetic production of

#### Warning after more meningitis deaths

BY A CORRESPONDENT

HEALTH experts warned the public to be vigilant for the symptoms of meningitis after ease were confirmed yesterday. At least nine deaths from meningitis have been reported over Christmas and the new year, with most of the vic-

tims children or teenagers.

"Sadly, the reports we are seeing are pretty typical. Decem-ber or early January are the peak times for meningitis cases. You might see an increase week to around 70 cases."

Meningitis can be passed from one person to another by winter months made people especially vulnerable. "It's important people are vigilant at this time of year. They need to be alert for the signs of meningins and contact a doctor as soon as symptoms appear."

It was confirmed yesterday that a five-month-old boy from Dinas Powys, near Cardiff. had died in Cardiff's University Hospital from the serious meningococcal strain. A 42-year-old woman, from Taff's Well, near Cardiff, died

in East Glamorgan Hospital. Symptoms of meningitis inchude severe headache, vomiting joint and muscle pains and an average to bright light A rash that does not disperse under pressure indi-cates meningococcal septicaedrugs to block relomerase and cates meningoroccal septicae-halt the growth of humours. mia, the most dangerous form.

# Dear Colleagues,

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This Thursday I will be leaving the office at 8.00pm at the latest. Not 8.30pm, not 8.15pm, not even 8.01pm, but 8.00pm.

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New series of Friends and ER. Thursday 7th January from 9pm. See it first on Sky One.



### The Thatcher theory of women's success

Study shows female managers go to great lengths to appear more macho than men, writes Alexandra Frean

ical correctness. That just does

The findings, presented at a British Psychological Society conference in Blackpool yester-

day, fly in the face of current

management theory, which

holds that women should be

given a fast track to promotion

because the supposedly inher-

ent female abilities to commu-

nicate well, work as a team.

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Although the number of

women managers has risen

dramatically - from 2 per cent in 1973 to 18 per cent in

1998 - some larger companies

have launched affirmative ac-

tion programmes to speed up

business performance.

not work - toughness does."

WOMEN who succeed as managers do not do so because of their feminine characteristics, such as sensitivity and warmth. According to new research, they do well because they adopt an aggres-

sive, macho personality.

A four-year study of the psychological make-up of more than 1,200 managers has found that the basic differences between the sexes in the general population are largely non-existent among managers. The survey contradicts claims this week by the style writer Peter York, who said his own studies had found that women managers displaying motherly qualities were more successful.

Tuyia Melamed, an occupational psychologist and senior consultant for the recruitment consultancy Capita Ras, who conducted the research, said that women managers not only had to behave like their male colleagues to succeed, but also frequently had to be tougher and meaner.

"Gender matters very little," he said. "What characterises managers most is that they are tough-minded, macho and socially bold. Many of the women we studied said they felt they had to be more like a man than men. Forget about the caring, sharing Nineties and politNET LINKS

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the pace of change. BT has ap-pointed a "gender champion" to promote equal opportunities within the company, Shell has pledged to increase the number of senior women managers from 4 per cent to 20 per cent over five years.

The practical implications of Dr Melamed's research are far-reaching and raise serious questions about the relevance of setting such quotas for numbers of female managers.

#### TIDY DESK SHOWS A NEGATIVE MIND

People who spend a lot of time arranging the objects on their desks to ensure that they are "just right" before they start work are neither lazy or sick, but are victims of negative avoidance syndrome. Robert Briner, a lecturer in occupational psychology at Birkbeck College, London, said that, when workers procrastinated or spent excessive time on relatively easy tasks rather than tackle more difficult or larger tasks, it was usually because they were trying to avoid being told off or being embarrassed in front of colleagues. Mr Briner suggests in a study that managers should try to identify the specific negative outcome that employees are trying to avoid and redesign their jobs to include more positive goals.

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male managers, whose personalities were then analysed and compared with gender norms for the general population. The interviews took place be-tween 1993 and 1997.

Dr Melamed found that, hile many women managers had a "built-in tendency" to behave like men — what he de-scribed as "the Margarer Thatcher phenomenon" — many had to work very hard

at putting on their macho act.

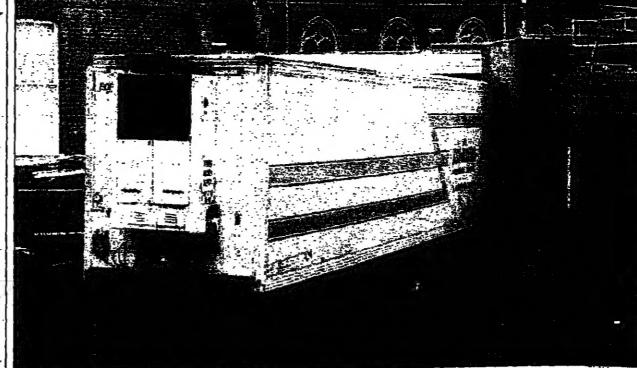
This could make it difficult for

companies to retain female ex-

ecutives for any length of time.

"A lot of women said they had difficulties with having to act tough and there was a higher level of stress among women managers than men," Dr Melamed said. "A lot of women said that it frequently made them question what they were doing with their lives and wonder if they should be doing

something else." Equal opportunities cam-nigners described Dr Melamed's research as unhelpful. Ann Chant, director of Opportunity 2000, the national campaign started in 1991 to increase the quality and quantity of women's participation in the workforce, said: "Our campaign research and our own member companies' experience shows that it is absolutely not the case that women have to behave like men to succeed. Women and men have very different styles, each of which can be very valuable. Surely a mix



The refrigerated lorry being used as a temporary mortuary by the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital

### Dobson fears NHS could not cope with flu epidemic

FRANK DOBSON, the Health Secretary, admitted yesterday that the National Health Service would find it difficult to cope with a flu epi-

He spoke as one hospital admitted that the current outbreak had forced it to hire a refrigerated lorry to store the dead because the 80 body refrigerators in its mortuary

However, while hospitals in all areas but the South and West were reporting serious

Warning as hospital hires mobile mortuary, reports Ian Murray

vinter pressures and cancelling all but urgent operations: the oubreak is still far from reaching epidemic propor-tions. New figures due out, possibly today, are expected to show an increase in numbers of flu victims, but they will still be well below the official epidemic level of 400 cases per 100,000 people seen by doctors

Mr Dobson admitted that the NHS was under severe pressure. Staff were at full stretch, doing an excellent job of handling high numbers of cases, he said, but, if there were an epidemic, it would be very difficult to cope".

diesel-powered mobile cold store has been fitted out for the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital with racks for 36 bodies: It is expected to be needed for at least another two weeks to cope with an unusually high number of deaths, particle among frail. elderly people, number of deaths, particularly who are especially susceptible to flu. The hospital, which has cancelled all non-emergency operations to make the maximum number of beds availa-ble for flu patients, has been warned that eight out of ten families in the Norfolk area are likely to develop flu, cold or cough symptoms this winter.

The holiday period has

made the situation worse because fewer funerals have taken place. Peter Moffat, spokesman for the hospital, said The rise in the number of deaths coincided with fewer funeral directors arriving at the hospital to collect bodies for burial and cremation. We ran out of capacity in our mortu-ary so we had to bring in a tem-porary mobile refrigerated unit to help with cold storage."

Malcolm Stamp, chief execu-. tive of the hospital trust, said: The public can be assured that the deceased are treated with the utmost respect by our staff, who are working under extreme pressure. The hospital has a purpose-built room for relatives and friends to view

As the number of cases be gins to rise, many other hospitals have taken the precaution of cancelling all but emergency operations. Among those doing so is New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton where many staff have been working. double shifts throughout the holiday, and all hospitals of the Sandwell Health Anthori-a ty area in the West Midlands Walsall Manor Hospital had 278 emergency admission over four days, 100 more than

on the same week a year ago.

However, in the North West of England, things are improving. A spokesman for the regional health authority said:

It is still extremely busy, with a lot of sickness about, in the severe pressure of last thek does armear in he easing does appear to be easing

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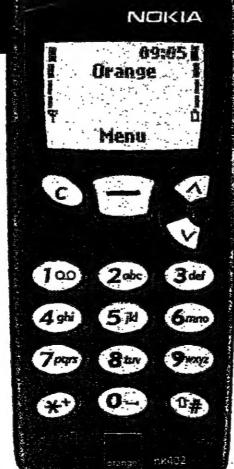
Mr Dobson yesterday gave details of the 2,200 schemes for be funded by the £159 million announced in Nevember. Many focus on helping the frail and elderly and include funding for community nurses and emergency re-

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### Villagers save their green from bulldozers

Helen Johnstone on campaign that raised £350,000 in just over a year

VILLAGERS have saved a medieval green from development after their campaign backed by the Prince of Wales, raised the £350,000 needed to

buy it in just over a year.
Residents in Kingsland,
Herefordshire, which has a
population of 1,000 and dates from the 7th century, were in-censed at plans for 13 houses and parking for 34 cars, ob-tructing views of the adjoin-ing 12th-century castle and 13th-century church.

They sold everything from marmalade to manure to raise the £350,000, which they reached with the aid of a bank loan of £94,000 and interestfree loans totalling £120,000. The remainder was raised through events organised by the Kingsland Millennium Green Trust. The Prince donated a set of table mars, which raised El25 at one auction, and the Bishop of Hereford, the Right Rev John Oliver, offered lunch at the House of Lords.

from the lix-acre site when a group of local businesswomen approached the Birmingham based developers, Beeches Two, with a plan to buy it back for the village. They were given a week to gauge local opinion, which resulted in 98 per cent of

residents supporting their plan. Within 24 hours Patricia Pethercray, 51, organised a public meeting, at which it was agreed to ask the developposal to be put together. She said yesterday: "I'd heard about the plans to put up a housing estate a few weeks earlier, and I was incensed I thought that the best way to save the green would be to buy it, but I had no idea how to until a local dignatory told me about the Countryside Com-mission Millenhum Fund."

The Countryside Commis-sion backed the project with a grant of £55,000 from the Milennium Green Fund; other do-Workmen had already began trusts totalled £42,000. Jim excavating 600 tonnes of soil Langridge, of the Midlands



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Katie Eastaugh, left, with other members of the Kingsland Millennium Green Trust, which raised £350,000 to buy the village green from developers

branch of the Countryside Commission, said yesterday: "We had more than 100 applications for grants from the Mil-lennium Green Fund, but we found that this bid was one of the more businesslike and organised. Plus, we couldn't help but be impressed by the villagers' enthusiasm and energy.

months to put a bid together, but these ladies did it in a conple of weeks."

Mrs Pethercray, chairman of the trust and an education consultant who has lived in the village for 16 years, said people had been prepared to sit in front of the bulldozers to save the green, one of few re-

village. "By October we'd held about 40 fundraising events which raised £12,000, and after seven months we had raised £212,000.

Prince Charles donated a set of table mats depicting some of his paintings, and a friend at the BBC took four people on a tour of the studios

last bastion of old-fashioned rural life in Herefordshire and we want it to stay that way." She added that villagers had to continue fundraising to re-

pay the money owed. Katie Eastaugh, 31, a trustee, said yesterday: "The green appeared as an orchard on maps oing back to the 16th century. been there since the village was founded."

Stuart Harper, managing director of Beeches Two, said: I doubted they would succeed in raising that kind of money." He added: "I take my hat off to them. We've lost a site,

#### Viewers like new look of TV news

By Carol Midgley MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

REVAMPED versions of the heavyweight television news programmes, Newsnight and Channel 4 News, attracted nearly half a million more viewers this week.

BBC2's Newsnight, which has been redesigned to give a more viewer-friendly look, im-proved its ratings from an average 1.1 million to 1.4 million when it unveiled its new image on Monday night. On the same night, Channel 4 News. whose set has undergone a facelift that includes purple sofas and orange desks, attracted 900,000 viewers com-

pared with its usual 800,000. The BBC and ITV both claimed victory in the ratings for news programmes during Research Board figures show that the BBC's Six O Clock News was the most popular programme, with an average of 5.8 million viewers. ITN's early evening news pro-gramme attracted 4.3 million.

However, ITN's News at Ten. to be axed in the next few weeks, proved to be the most popular nighly news pro-gramme with an average audience of 5.7 million. This com-pared with 5.2 million for the Nine O Clock News.

□ Vanessa Feltz, who left ITV for the BBC after being re-fused a salary of £2.5 million. attracted under a million viewers when The Vanessa Show was launched on Monday.

### Big Brother cleans up 'high-rise slums'

equipment has helped to rejuvenate some of Britain's worst council tower blocks and may have earned a reprieve for others facing demolition.

Brian McGrail, of the Open University, told the Royal Georaphical Society - Institute of British Geographers conferthat closed-circuit television cameras had had a remarkable effect on estates in Edin-burgh and Glasgow that were once seen as high-rise slums made uminhabitable by criminal tenants. On one Edinburgh estate. Gracemount, which has three high-rise blocks, about 40 per cent of tenants left within a year of the cameras being installed because they were using the flats as a base for crime or benefit fraud. However, the flats were quickly relet to more law-abiding tenants, including hard-to-let wound-floor flats, which had been boarded up.
These blocks were the

worst I had seen" said Dr Mc-Grail, who carried out the research as part of an Economic. and Social Science Research

NIGEL HAWKES at the geographers' conference

Council programme measuring the effects of information technology on society.

lass and rubbish everywhere The lifts had been neglected, and the area around the blocks was ugly. When I was last there, in August, every-thing had changed. Aestherically it looked a lot better, as the ground floors were let. Previously nobody would live in them. The blocks had been painted, money spent on maintentance, and the tenants were

The technology that makes such changes possible include closed circuit television cameras, which feed pictures to a concierge, who can also monitor the comings and goings of the tenants by records made every time they use their keys; and a direct link from every flat to the concierge by fibre-optic cable so that tenants can make

The monitoring of move-ment soon makes it clear if any tenants are not actually living in their flats, but merely using them as "Giro drops". postal addresses for Giro cheques to which they are not entitled. It can also indicate whether a tenant is ill and has

The majority of tenants are in favour of the changes," Dr McGrail said. "Those who aren have left Those who live there now say they feel more secure, are more willing to chat to neighbours or get into

Most of Britain's tower blocks were built between 1955 and 1974, but disenchantment with them set in in the 1980s. With many planners feeling that that the social problems that plagued many of them were incurable, demolition seemed the only option. Some have been knocked down, but the cost of demolition — about £500,000 per block — is often prohibitive.

"Housing departments are reluctant to spend that sort of money when it could be used for the direct benefit of other tenants," Dr McGrail said. Tower blocks are also expensive to run, costing more than they produce in rents, so selling them to private developers is seldom an option.

Dr McGrail believes that

the benefits of surveillance technology are such that many tower blocks could now be kept in use for another 30 years or so. While never likely to be the Utopia that some architects envisaged, he said, they did have a future.



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# Cameras cut crime on Edinburgh's Gracemount estate

### flexible hours

FLEXIBLE working pat-terns, which the Government sees as the key to pre-Berving family life, result in people seeing less of their families than before, the conference was told. Diane Perrons, of the Lon-

don School of Economics, studied patterns of work in supermarkets for the European Commission and found that, while flexible working gave many advantages to employers, reducing overtime payments and National Insurance costs, the benefits to those employed were less

On the positive side, it gave women an opportunity to get into the labour force, with working hours that enabled them to look after their children. The drawback was that parents never had any time to spend together. "One comes home and the other goes off," Dr Perrons said.

### Pitfalls of Ice Age may be 50,000 years late

the next Ice Age, the conference was told: Instead of ice spreading down across Scotland and the North of England within the next 55,000 years, the deep freeze may be delayed for a further 50,000 years or more, Paul Burgess, of the University of East An-. glia, said.

The ice will certainly come, however, as a result of changes in the Earth's orbit, tilt and precession — the process by which the seasons shift slowly over time

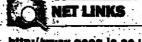
Using a computer model developed at the University of Louvain in Belgium, Mr Burgess and his colleagues Jean Palutikof and Clare Goodess combined these long-term cycles with the burning of fossil fuels, which produces the carbon dioxide that contributes

to global warming. Mr Burgess said that, using carbon dioxide levels found in ice cores, the model correctly identified the extent of the last

MANMADE global warming glacial maximum, when ice may postpone the arrival of spread over Scotland and much of northern England and Wales.

Given natural levels of carbon dioxide, the model predicts a similar ice coverage in 55,000 to 60,000 years. Factoring in manmade global warming at moderate levels delays the growth of ice, but when growth starts it is much swifter and a complete glaciation is achieved on the same time-

Only if extreme global warming is assumed is there any delay in glaciation, but it will still occur about 110,000 years from now.



http://www.geog.le.ac.uk Conference programme on the Leicester University Geography Department website. http://www.rgs.org The Royal Geographical Society - Insti-

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### European Union debates education

The EU today threw its mem-Professor Terry Slade, ber states into some confusion consultant education so about the long-term future cialist to the EU, of its proposed education policy. Education ministhat the idea was n in the water' as sor ters are to meet today in Bruges to thrash out a compromise which should see requires the said. one of stress, for

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### Crofters must use lottery cash to buy lairds' land

SNP says 'cheapskate' changes in Scottish estate law are tailored for urban voters, writes Fraser Nelson

NATIONAL Lottery money is to be used instead of public funds to help Scottish communities to buy estates from their lairds. But they will have to raise most of the money them-

The reforms, announced yesterday in Edinburgh, will end almost 900 years of feudalism and will give the Government powers to evict absentee and neglectful landowners. Ministers said the powers are intended as a deterrent and would seldom or never be used.

Crofters will be given first re-fusal on any land that comes on the market. Lord Sewel, the Scottish Office minister heading the Government's Land Reform Committee, said that communities seeking to buy es-

tates can expect only the new Land Fund, created with lottery money, to top up privately raised money. However, he said that they

would have their task made easier by the proposals. The money available from the Land Fund will be enough to put the final pieces on a bid. It will not be covered with public

The plans drew criticism from the Scottish National Party, which accused Lord Sewel of a drawing up a "cheapskate" version designed to appeal to urban voters. Rob Gibson, a member of the SNP National Executive, said: "We are talking about people's lives here. We don't think it should Labour is obviously not taking the issue seriously." The lottery commissioners

have already rejected four appeals to fund community buyouts: two for the island of Eigg, and for the estates of Knoydart and Abriachan. The Scottish Landowners Federation, which represents

80 per cent of lairds, attacked plans to evict bad landowners. Andrew Dingwall-Fordyce. its convener, said: This is opening up a homet's nest which will end in the European Court. If the community decides it doesn't like its owner, why should he have his land taken away if he is doing the best he can?

Lord Sewel said: "These



ly indeed but they have to be there. We didn't have to use nuclear weapons, thank God, but

we needed to have them." Murdo Fraser, Tory spokesman on land reform, said-The Scottish Office are simply playing old fashioned class-war politics — the lairds are an easy target."

Government officials are to put a price on any large estate will be given the right to buy, even if a rival bioder offers twice as much.

The proposals, which will not become law-until passed by the Scottish parliament, which convenes in July, include a register of land ownership, although Lord Sewel admitted that it would not be comprehensive.

Proposals to end tax breaks on estates used for deer stalking and salmon fishing were rejected by the Land Reform Committee as needing further study", allaying the lairds greatest fear.

The most surprising decision is that the Government will not buy land on the open market for transfer to smallholders. Originally the committee had indicated it would.

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### Holiday village may put reform to 1011bt 11 the test

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

OWNERS of holiday homes believe that they could be the first to benefit from compulso ry purchase powers outlined by the Government yesterday. More than 100 families are tacing eviction from their wooden chalets at Carbeth Es-

ate, in Stirling, after an

18-month dispute over rent rises imposed by the laird, Allan Barns-Graham. They are attempting to orof 180 acres of the 1,000-acre estate although the land is not for sale if their offer is turned down, they will ask the Government to intervene and buy the land on their behalf as

The Carbeth hurs were built 0 years ago. The laird at that time, also called Allan Barns-Graham, invited local people to construct the simple huts for a nominal ground rent.

The huts, which have no was enshrined in the old laird's will before he died in 1957. Eighteen months ago his grandson began eviction atfused to pay a 42 per cent rise charges, taking the total to about £1,000.

The hutters claim that Mr Barns-Graham wants to price them off the estate to make way for a more lucrative tourist development. Mr Barns-Graham has not commented.

The hutters have won the

backing of the Scottish Landowners Federation for their buyout, although it would belikely to object to the use of ic Scotland, the Government's heritage agency, recommended recently that the village be made into a conservation area, Calum MacDonald, Scottish Local Government Minis-

ter, has also backed them. Chris Ballance, Hutters Association chairman, said Carbeth could be used as a test case if the community offer which will be made by Easter and financed by a commercia Scottish parliament will need an early test if the legislation is not to be toothless." Mr Bai-

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### Modern vassals labour under the legacy of an ambitious king

SCOTLAND'S feudal system is the only remaining legacy of David I — an ambitious but ultimately unsuccessful 12thcentury monarch.

His attempt in 1138 to invade England and claim the throne for his niece. Matilda. was aborted, but his peculiar rules of land ownership lookset to govern his country into the third millennium. The system he created

grants possession of land from the sky to the centre of the earth" — albeit shared with many other owners under a hierarchy of duty. The first is God. in Scottish

legal theory the head of the feudal structure and the ultimate authority from whom property rights are derived. Second is the Crown, God's subordinate. The Queen is still the Paramount Superior of Scottish land, and all no-bles are her vassals. In theory, they subordinate their property rights to her. Crown Estates ns 94,015 acres of Scotland. and Her Majesty's Govern-ment owns a further 10 per

cent of the country. Anyone under the Crown. from the laird to the crofter, is a vassal. A vassal's boss is known as his superior, and retains feudal powers over those to whom they rent or self land. Today's highest-ranking superiors are the earls who grace society parties in Scotland and London. Their positions were created by the carry Scottish kings, who gave land to chiefs of clans and their Anglo-Norman friends in order to consolidate power. In medieval Scotland, the superiors could be stripped of their land at any time, but they could also do the same to their

Superiors come in three sizes. First are the Great Landlords, who derive most of their wealth and income from the land. The Duke of Buccleuch, who controls a family has held the land for generations and he has every interest in conserving it.

Next are the lairds, who are the target of this year's land reforms. After the Battle of Culloden in 1745, land could be the superior. Scotland was, in effect, for sale and relatives of the artistocracy and business-men from London became lairds by claiming huge chunks of the country.

During the following century. many lairds evicted entire communities to make way for sheep, taking advantage of the enormous growth in de-



David I: established the hierarchy of ownership

mand for wool and meat in London. The enduring bitter-ness over the Highland clearbate in modern Scotland.

At the bottom of the heap lies the tenant, usually a sim-ple smallholder or crofter who lives and works on the land.

Today no superior ever asks for military aid from his vassals, but other feudal rights are still asserted from time to time. One example is, the 6th Earl Granville, the Queen's dson and laird of North Uist He still has the power to levy royalties on any income from businesses operating on the shores of his Outer Hebridean estate, and invoked his ancient right to tax the collec-



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### Euthanasia claims sow doubt in families' minds

FOR ten years. Queenie Smith watched her husband slowly losing his mind. At the end of his long descent into senility. she took comfort from the knowledge that she had done

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everything she could for him. She visited Ernest in a psychiatric ward at Kingsway Hospital, Derby, three times a week. On the day he died she was at her 92-year-old husband's bedside, holding his, hand as he stared vacantly

But whatever peace of mind she drew from her unwavering devotion was destroyed last year when sinister allegations about the Rowsley psychogeriatric ward appeared in the local press. Nurses at the hospital had claimed that patients on the ward were being allowed to die slowly from hun-ger and dehydration. Senior colleagues, they alleged, were withdrawing food and water from patients without proper authorisation, leaving them fatally weakened and vulnerable to secondary conditions

such as pneumonia. The implication, according to one source, was that some staff on Rowsley ward were deaths by placing them on nil-by-mouth" regimes, claiming that they were at risk of

Michael Horsnell and Peter Foster on fears aroused by a police inquiry into the deaths of geriatric patients

The police took the allegations seriously and launched a. full investigation in November 1997. For more than a year, a team of eight or mine detectives, some with experience in murder, investigations, have been examining medical records and interviewing nurses, doctors and distributes of the death configurate of

The death certificates of more than 40 patients who died at Kingsway Hospital bet-ween October 1993 and summer 1997 have been examined by police, and three nurses have been suspended pending. the outcome of the investigation, which is expected to be

completed by spring. Although all 600 staff at the hospital have been told not to speak about the investigation, it has emerged that, four months before the police inquiries began, the Southern Derbyshire Mental Health Trust had already begun an in-ternal investigation into nurs-ing practices on the ward. The inquiry produced a lengthy "action plan", obtained by The Times, which details strict pro-cedures for dealing with pa-



are almost impossible to believe. All say they found the staff on the ward unfailingly attentive. Whenever she artients suspected to be at risk of choking. According to a source close to the investigation, severrived on visits, Mrs Smith recalled, her husband was cleanshaven and immaculately al nurses believed that padressed in shirt and tie. The tients were being placed on nil-by-mouth regimes too of-ten and too early, and some re-sorted to snuggling in food to help alling patients. ward itself was refurbished in the early 1990s and had a sit-ting room, dining area and well-appointed dormitory. The allegations have, howev-

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er, left lurking doubts in the minds of some relatives. Nan-cy Jowett, 81, whose husband. Sidney, a former chief of the Derbyshire Fire Service, died on the ward in February last year, has always supported the staff, but admitted: 'When you are not in the Imedicall profession you accept what is going on in the wards. We have been living with this for a year. It's terrible, it puts doubts into your mind."

For now, the relatives of those who died on Rowsley ward can only wait for the results of the police investiga-tion. Having placed their trust in the nursing staff, most have only good stories to tell. But after watching their husbands, father or brothers suffer such lingering deaths, the possibility that their trust was cruelly abused is too much to bear.



### While there is life there is hope, insist grieving relatives

It is clear from the report that relations among staff broke down as disagreement

over the nil-by-mouth practice

spread. The introduction to the report concludes: "We

hope that trusting relation-ships can be re-established.

but we realise that this will

take time." some staff were not

reassured and, according to

another source, went to police with a list of 15 names.

those pressing for a full police

investigation said: "You would

see patients who came in look-ing in good shape, but they would have one momentary

choking fit and suddenly they

were bedridden and going

downhill fast. They were given

nil by mouth and no drips. It

was a painful death, being left

For 79-year-old Mrs Smith.

and several other widows

to dehydrate slowly."

A source who was among

Mary Dalley, 83, was a kindbrought up two children and was much cherished by ber grandchildren. She was admitted to Queen Mary's Hospital in, Sidcup, southeast London, in severe pain from a duodenal ulcer caused by diuretics prescribed for ósleo-arthritis and by aspirin for

angina, which she was later found not to have. She died a month later

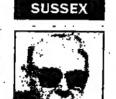


from the ulcer while left unattended on a commode for 50 minutes, five days after ber dmission, that she went into shock and scarcely spoke for a week. Doctors diagnosed brain damage, despite the protests of her daughter, Pat Prange, and the evidence that she had begun to talk in sentences again. Five doctors have been named in the com-

plaint by Mrs Prange, 55. Jackie Andrews, communications manager for Queen Mary's Sideup Trust, said: There was a complaint received which was fully dealt with at the time and we went Mrs. Dalley haemorrhaged so severely through a full complaints procedure."

Robert Byatt, 69, was taken to Eastbourne District General Hospital after a stroke on August Il last year. Four days later he was sitting up in bed, playing cards, laughing, joking, and complaining of being bored, but he had picked up a bladder infection that, according to his wife, was left un-treated. With the outside temperature at 30C (86F), a ward notice stipulated that patients should re-

ceive two litres of water a day, and Mr Byatt was put on a drip. On August 18, Brenda Byatt was told that he had had a second stroke. She said: "I found him thrashing around in bed. He had septicae-



fected his kidneys, heart, lungs and circulation. He was given drugs to calm him." Intravenous fluid was withdrawn on August 22, according to her records, and she estimates that, during his 18-day illness, he received a third of the fluids he should have had Mr Byatt died on August 28 after a chest infection, and

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police are now investigating his death. Kate Row, a spokeswoman for Eastbourne Hospitals NHS Trust, said: "At no time was fluid or nutrition withdrawn from Mr Byatt, or limited in any way."

mia and had a grand mal convulsion. Septicaemia had afband in 1987. She was a lively woman with a fine sense of humour and, with the help of a walking frame and carers, managed to get about. After living for 14 months at a nursing home near Stockport, she had a major stroke from which she never recovered

consciousness. She died six

days later, on January 16, 1996. Despite the pleas of her youngest sister, Patricia Wise, she was denied intravenous fluid during those last few days. Two days after the stroke, Mrs Wise asked the matron if her sister could be put on a drip as

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told that might be possible, only for the doctor to say it was not. On the fourth day of her illness, according to Mrs Kenny's daughter, Lynda, her mother had tried to speak to her on 14 occasions. Mrs Wise said: "My feeling is that, even if she was terminally ill, she should have been put on a drip. It's not exactly

a complicated procedure ... While there is life there is hope." She complained to Stockport Health Authority, but the doctor was found not to be in breach of his terms of service. Mrs Wise lost an appeal to the Health Services Appeal Authority.

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Cohn-Bendit: "Aided

#### **Euro-MP** 'may face charge'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

THE former Sixties stu-dent leader Daniel Cohn-Bendit, 53, who heads the French Greens' list of candidates for June's European elections may face a legal investigation for allegedly aiding a fugitive. Hans Joachim Klein,

suspected of helping the terrorist Carlos the Jackal (Ilich Ramirez Sanchez). was arrested in France in August after 20 years on the run and faces extradi-

tion to Germany. Herr Cohn-Bendit, 53. now a German Euro-MP. has admitted providing him with assistance. Prosecutors in Frankfurt plan to apply to have his parlia-mentary immunity lifted, a necessary precursor to any

### Germans urge 'aloof' Britain to join euro

omy (which reacts sensitively to exchange rates) could soon lead to a hasty and spontan-

eous British entry into the Eu-

ropean monetary union," the

The Stuttgart Zeitung, usu-ally well informed on finance

ministry affairs, said: "Lon-don is isolated." Above all, it

said: "British industry runs

the risk of falling behind in the

future race for investment ...

even if the new currency

proves to be soft and prone to

crisis this will not help Britain,

because a weak euro would mean a tangible increase in

the value of the pound and

worse export opportunities for

BRITAIN should get off its "high horse" and join the euro. according to the German press, echoing the confidence of the Bonn Government that the Blair Administration will sign up for the single Europe-an currency sooner rather

The sentiment was clear in both the tabloid and the broadsheet press, but it was expressed with a curious lip-curling contempt by the masscirculation Bild newspaper which has in the past entertained its own doubts about

the euro.
"The British in their fine pinstripes did not want to get their hands dirty while we were toiling away on the construction of the euro," said the newspaper's main economics commentator. "Our pound is staying out, they said with stiff

upper lip."
Now Britain had to make its choice: "The pound is losing ground against the euro, companies cannot plan ahead. their stock looks shaky. Big capital, behaving like a tree full of ravens, is fluttering out of the island and billions are leaving London in the direction of euroland."

The British had climbed

proudly on their high horse, British businesses ... every the paper declared, but now day the pressure grows to give they should dismount. up the senseless opposition."

To some degree, these com-ments reflect the trium-phalism of a good start and re-lief that the beginning of the euro was not a fiasco. But they These seemed to be rather strong conclusions to draw on the basis of one day's euro trad-ing. By German, though not of course by British, tabloid standards, this was tough talk. also revealed the mood of Ger-But even the shrewd commenhard Schröder's Government tator of Handelsblatt, Germany's sober business daily, was calculating that Britain would have to jump much - and above all of Oskar La-fontaine, his Finance Minister who are convinced that Britain will not be able to resist the ricker than expected. "Caught between the two huge blocks of the euro and the dollar, the British econ-

pressure of events in continen-tal Europe.

Some nervousness about the future evolution of the Europe. an economy could be detected yesterday. Heiner Flassbeck, Herr Lafontaine's right-hand man at the Finance Ministry, said he was satisfied with the smooth start of the euro. But he was far from optimistic about Europe's overall econ-

omic prospects. A strong economic downturn in Europe would, he said. lead to higher unemployment. Domestic consumption had to be encouraged in order to boost the economy, he said, adding that no attempt should be made to increase state expenditure.

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Bathers enjoy a walk in the sun yesterday at Biarritz in southwest France, where temperatures topped 70F (20C). Paris recorded a January record of 59F (16C), but farmers were anxious over their crops and ski resort owners were praying for snow

# Nuclear waste to bankroll Lebec campaign' From Anna Blundir in Moscow Tith a year to go

WITH a year to go until Rus-sian presidential elections if Boris Yeltsin sees out his full term, it has been suggested that Aleksandr Lebel, the gruff Governor of Krasnovarsk, might be attempting to raise money for his can tion be the mediator through Russia for the dispos miclear waste.

ports, in an article called The Temptation of Nuclear Prof-its, that \$69 million (£4) million) allocated by the Ukrainiage and processing of w in the Krasnoyarsk area has e precise, probably never exsource, the Ukrainian mediat ing company, is supposed to pay a mere 15 per cent of the sum due in cash.

Mr: Lebed comp the goods, services and IDUs that make up the rest of the and never in full.

The agreement is that the Zheleznogorsk iron ore processing factory in Krasnoyarsk accepts 250 tonnes of nuclear waste per year at a fee of \$275 per kilo. By resy-cting one kilogram of used nuclear fuel, one can care up to \$1,000," Yevgeni Adamov

bring payments into line with the rest of the world. Mr Lebed has elected to hold Ukraine to ransom on the issue and is refusing to accept any more nuclear waste until the debt is paid at a reasonable rate.

He also insists that his foundation must mediate in the affair, according to information obtained by Segodina. As the waste piles un experts niclear material can result in



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### Goggle box drives ape family apart

TELEVISION, intended to that any addiction to a lifeless provide help for an orang-utan couple in St Petersburg Zoo, has turned them into telly addicts, the Moscow Times reported vesterday.

Monika and Rabu had failed to be model parents to their male baby, Ramon, so a new father, gave the set in the hope that educational videos might teach the orang-utans how to care for their offspring

Rabu, the family's patriarch, has become so obsessed. with the television which nangs outside his cage that he has started to ignore his mate, who in turn is feeling rejected and miserable. Zoo officials have now curtailed viewing hours, in the hope that Rabu will regain his attentive nature and that Monika will resume her painting career, cast aside

in favour of the box. Aleksandr Karpov, chief psychologist at the Russian-Ministry of Health, admitted

object "can easily result in a strong separation from reali-ty. He added that anyone who spends a disproportionate amount of time watching television or playing computer games is likely to cut himself others, including his own family, and he may become a defec-tive personality with one-sided development.

Rabu arrived in St Peters-burg from Antwerp Zoo in 1997 and he and Monika had their offspring on November 20. However, being reared in captivity both parents had lost the nurturing instincts neces-sary to raise their baby, so he was removed to an incubator after by 200 staff.

The zoo plans to appeal to American primate centres for help. It also hopes to bring in human mothers to demonstrate their skills to the hapless

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### Cook cash for war on rebels in Sierra Leone

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Te Foreign Office's annuncement came as Nigerian warplanes killed more that 200 rebels threatening Freown, the capital. On SundayAlpha jets in service with the comog intervention force attaked a mountain cave hideout ear Hastings, on the outskis of Freetown, killing at lea: 100 fighters from the Revoluonary United Front and therusted junta. Planes were alsin action north of the capital nd Ecomog troops retook corrol of the nearby town of

fitain's aid package is part of a commitment to bolster thehaky Government of Presidet Kabbah, restored last ye: with the help of arms and printe forces provided by Sadline International, the

mecenary group. fle into the bush, maining an terrorising civilians, has joied forces with the RUF an during the past two weeks ha made sweeping gains, thratening the capital and the Gremment

he Foreign Office said yesteday that there was no longerany arms embargo on the Sirra Leone Government, fol-loing the modification by the Uited Nations of an earlier binket embargo. But Britain sti operates an arms embargon Nigeria, which provides th bulk of the Ecomog forces. Siven the tight Foreign OfLondon backs

Freetown regime

with extra £lm to Nigerian-led

force, writes Michael Binyon

considerable and follows the £2 million already paid to a United Nations Trust Fund supporting Ecomog. The total, larger than most British humanitarian packages, reflects Britain's determination to keep in office a democratic Government that has already caused Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, considerable embarrassment over the Sandline affair, Tony Lloyd, the For-eign Office Minister responsi-ble for Africa, said that the aid was "a demonstration of our commitment to help bring stability to Sierra Leone and promore democracy both in that country and more widely in

On Monday, Nigerian troops, backed by Sierra Leonean civilian militia, beat back a rebel attempt to enter Free-town via Hastings. The rebel force of more than 1,000 menhad reached the eastern city gates, and Ecomog sources said many were infiltrators in civilian clothes who had

slipped past Hastings.

The rebels split into two groups after the first attack. one comprising renegade soldiers from the Sierra Leone Army and the other made up of RUF fighters who have fir budget; the military aid is been harrying successive Goverriments for more than five

of the north of the country, and have conscripted thousands of able-bodied men and women, training them to light.
A systematic campaign of mutilation, hacking off the arms
and legs of captured civilians,
has left many villagers terrified of the robels and hasing to resist them. Those fleeing to Freetown have reported summary executions of people the rebels consider sympathetic to the Kabbah Government.

A Rome-based Catholic news agency yesterday report-ed that one of the leaders of the ousted junta, Solomon Anthony James Musa, was killed in the recent fighting. He was the de facto Prime Minister of the junta which seized power in May 1997 and was ousted last

The rebel forces were swiftly pushed back after President Kabbah was reinstated. But they regrouped and launched a new campaign after their leader, Freddy Sankoh, was sentenced to death for treason in October. In prison in Freetown, he is appealing against

The upsurge in fighting threatens to unleash a new wave of refugees, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said on Tues-day. A spokesman said that more than 100 refugees have fled into neighbouring Guinea over the past few days. But 5.800 more people in the border area of Kambia are poised to follow suit if clashes between rebels and the intervention force continue. An estimated 350,000 people are dis-



President Mugabe, angered by his treatment in London, is now calling for seizure of farms owned by absentee lords. "They will lose their little Englands," he said

### Mugabe wants to grab 'lands of British lords'

PRESIDENT MUGABE has promised to seize farms owned by absentee British aristocrats and says he will pay with an IOU. Those British lords who

have their little Englands and are absentee landlords will lose their linic Englands," be the colonisers of what was for- cronyism and corruption. merly Rhodesia, he said.

But Mr Mugabe, whose Government last month confiscated 841 white-owned farms in Zimbabwe, is talking about an era long past. The big landowners, such as the Salisbury, Cranborne and Cecil families, sold their holdiogs around independence in

where the conspicuous wealth of the friends and relatives surto the estimated 400 British

companies in Zimbabwe. They controlled "a large porrounding Mr Mugabe contintion" of the economy, and every year sent millions of ues to swell in contrast to the pounds in profits to Britain. British companies should give shares in their Zimbabwean businesses to black Zimbabweans, as part of the Govern-

widespread poverty and crumbling infrastructure that affects the rest of the country. Mr Mugabe said Britain ought to be supporting his land reform and black empowerment programmes, instead of "leading the bandwagon of criticism and malicious state-ments" aimed at tarnishing

the country's image abroad.

WORLD IN BRIEF

#### Millennium unit set up by Israel

Jerusalem: Israel vesterday unveiled sweeping plans for cop-ing with so-called "messianic madness" among Christian pilgrims arriving in the Holy Land for millennium celebrations (Christopher Walker writes).

It is estimated that some 40,000 of the expected 4.5 million visitors will require psychiatric help, with 800 needing to be treated in mental hospitals. Leading agents from Shin Bet and Mossad, the Israeli domestic and foreign secret services. have been recruited into a new unit to deal with millennial cults and individuals who believe they are biblical figures.

#### Cash for Stasi boss

Berlin: Erich Mielke, 91, once head of East Germany's secret police, has got about €1,000 (£714) compensation for his three months in jail in 1991. Herr Mielke was accused of shooting people at the Berlin Wall, but was found too ill to stand trial. He was jailed for six years in 1993 for the 1931 murder of two policemenbut was freed as senile in August 1995. (AFP)

#### Korean actress flees

Seool: Kim Hye Young, right, a popular North Korean film star, has defected to South Korea with her family. She, her parents and two sisters arrived in August but the defection was kept secrect to pro-tect their safety. Kim Hye Young. 26, who was in the Pyongyang national theatre troupe, has starred in seven films. (AFP)



#### Death row killing

Parchman: Donald Leroy Evans, a drifter who claimed to have killed dozens of people in 22 states, was stabbed to death by a fellow death row inmate at Mississippi State Penitentiary here. Evans, 41, sentenced for strangling a girl aged ten, won notoriety after his 1991 arrest, saying he was a serial killer, but he later said the confessions were a hoax. (AP)

#### Coin smuggler held

Budapest: Hungarian customs officials have arrested a Bulgarian citizen trying to smuggle Ancient Greek, Roman, Thracian and Syrian coins, worth more than £37,000, to Britain. The 1,567 bronze and silver coins, dating from 3BC, were found in a bag hidden behind the car stereo of the man, who was trying to enter Austria with a false passport. (AFP)

#### **Bullring ban sought**

Madrid: The Madrid regional government's top official for children's rights wants bullrings declared off-limits for those under 14, saying that youngsters can be traumatised by watching bulls bleed to death. The proposal would make the region the second in Spain to bar young children from arena bullfights. Catalonia, in the northeast, did so last month. (AP)

#### **Brief encounters**

Bucharest: A wife given lacey underwear for her 35th birthday that was too small became suspicious when a woman guest at her party said she had received some that was too large. The next day a shop assistant confirmed that her husband had bought two sets of lingerie. After swapping underwear with "the other woman", she filed for divorce. (AP)

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#### Law chief says police injured Anwar FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN KUALA LUMPUR

MALAYSIAN police inflicted Mr Anwar in September,

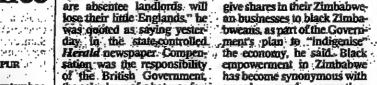
him, the former Deputy Prime Minister, that drew international condemnation after his defention, the authorities ad-

mitted yesterday.

A statement by Mohtar Abdullah, the Attorney General. was released as Mr Anwar's corruption trial was told that emen stains on a mattress being used in evidence against him could have been planted. Mr Mohtar said that he had found the police "fully responsible" for injuries suffered by

police custody. But the person responsible had not been identified. Mr Montar's statement, reported by the Bernama news agency, added that medical reports indicated that he had suffered some of his injuries before he was arrested.

Mr Anwar was dismissed on September 2 and arrested 18 days later. He had a black eye when produced for his first court appearances and said he had been beaten unconscious on his first night in custody.



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FROM DANIEL MCGRORY IN ADEN

AMERICAN military chiefs fear the recent terrorist violence in Yemen may jeop-ardise their secret deal to establish an important shipping

The Pentagon plans to use the former British colony to bunker 600,000 barrels of marine diesel and aviation fuel which will be used to service its naval operation in the Gulf against President Sadd-

am Hussein of Iraq.
As the first US warship docked in Aden under the deal, Scotland Yard detectives and the FBI were working yes-

terday to discover who was behind the Islamic group that kidnapped 16 Western tourists and was planning to bomb five British targets in the port

One senior US official said: This eruption of Islamic terrorism in Yemen could not have come at a worse time, when we are considering hundreds of American military personnel walking around.
Aden on shore leave."

The priority for the ten-man FBI team sent to Yemen is to discover whether the al-Jihad group is trained and funded

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Aden port where the US Navy has organised a refuelling base, an arrangement thrown into doubt by the recent hostage-taking incident

by the Saudi billionaire, Osama bin Laden, accused by Washington of various terror-

ist outrages. FBI sources say they are cerpain that bin Laden has bases in mountainous southern Yemen where his terrorists fled after being forced out of Sudan and Afghanistan in the past

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seven months. It has also been disclosed that US intelligence agents were warned six weeks ago. that Hamas was planning to shift its headquarters from Khartoum to Yemen. A week later an armed gang shot an American aid worker in an am-

bush outside his home which

is near where the kidnap of the tour group took place. One of the gunmen who escaped after wounding Rich Bonney is said to have also taken part in last week's shootout in the desert in which four hostages, includ-

ing three Britons, were killed. The Pentagon's ambitions for Aden will depend on the

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FBI's findings, although naval chiefs did decide to go ahead with plans for the frigate, USS Klabring, to dock off Aden's Prince of Wales pier, built by the British in 1919. None of the crew was allowed off the frigate which was returning from the Gulf. As she docked amid strict security, an Iranian tank-

er passed close by. Until the British left in 1967. Aden was the world's second busiest port. It was a coking station for ships sailing to India and the Far East and its natural deep waters can berth

the biggest aircraft carriers.

The US Navy needs the port because it is closing its operation at Djibouti and the Pentagon is worried about the further portion and the Pentagon is worried about the further property of the pentagon is property of the pentagon of the pen ture use of bases in Gulf states, includ-

fuel bunker is being constructed by British techmicians - next. to the terminal for the Aden freemort that will open in

March. The base should have been operating by now, but the first fuel is not

American sources said that they will review plans to allow. sailors and airmen shore leave will upset local traders and bar owners who had expected business not seen since the

American security officials, conscious of the security threat in the region, wanted to train units of Yemeni troops in hostage rescue, but were forbid-

Sanaa Government's hurin rights record.

Washington was also unpressed by Yemen's recent iticism of Operation Desert ox
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question Abu Hassan, il jailed kidnap leader, and thr perporists arrested in Arien u ing take British passpor They were said to be about, launch bomb attacks on fr targets, including the Britis consulate and the Anglic church. They said that the vestigation will take time a urged the authorities not proceed with its plans to co-

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#### Iran group renews threat to Rushdie

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

SALMAN Rushdie's life is under renewed threat from a shadowy, well organised Iranian extremist group that has claimed responsibility for the recent unurders of four dissidents and an attack on Ameri-can tourists, a moderate Iranian newspaper said yesterday:

Zon, a usualty well informed woman's daily, said that the little-known Fedayeen (Devotees) of Pure Mo-hammedan Islam was "pre-paring to put into effect the historic fatwa" of the late Ayatoliah Khomeini, who condemned the author to death in 1989 for alleged blasphemy in his novel. The Satanic Verses.

The group released a state-ment saying that it is using "all means at its disposal to plan the application of the fatwa", Zan said. It added the the group had repeated an ealier claim that it had kill two secular writers and Da ush Formhar, the national leader, and his wife, Parva eh Eskandari. The grou structure is said to include indicial section run by thri

dges. Zan added.

While any threat to !! Rushdie will be taken seriou ly, too little is known abo the group to gauge the level danger. To what extent it real or invented simply cause problems for Iran's ternational relations is. clear," an Iranian analy said. "Assuming it does exi and did carry out the murde here, there is no way of know ing whether it has the capacit



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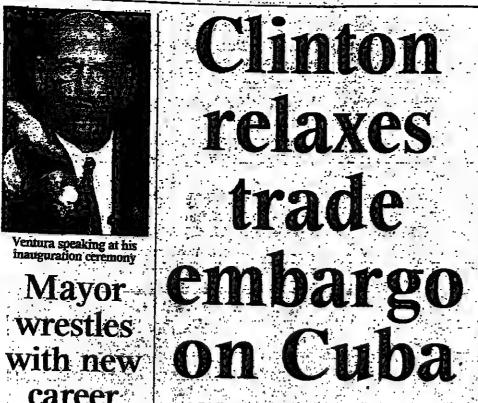
FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE speech lasted just il minntes, but the party is sched-uled to go on for a forthight. Despite deep snow and

Minnesota's customarily bitter January temperatures, anunprecedented two week gala is under way to welcome the. state's new Governor, Jesse Ventura, a 250lb human battering rain who once ruled the professional wrestling circuit in a pink feather boa. But the glow is already fad-

ing from Mr Ventura's halo. Having campaigned as an Independent last November with rancous, ad-libbed attacks on both his rivals and the status quo, he has already back-pedalled on a pledge to return a \$3.3 billion (£2 billion) state budget surplus to taxpayers. Instead, he has said he will be "prudent" not a word his supporters, most of them disenchanted with the major parties, had

Mr Ventura has also swapped his flampel shirts. and snow boots for sober chaircoal suits, and has accepted



FROM DAMIAN WHETWORTH IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton has loos Lehtinen, a Republican House ened the United States's longstanding trade embargo with Cuba to allow more move-ment of people and money between the two countries.
While insisting America is

still hostile to President Castro's regime, the White House hopes to "strengthen support for the Cuban people".

Under the new rules, Cobans will be allowed to receive cash from any individual in the US sales of food and agricultural products will be permitted for the first time on inter basis, a direct mail. service will be reintroduced and there will be an expansion of US charter flights in and

out of the Island.
And, in a nove echoing the Sping-pong diplomacy that helped to improve relations with China in the 1970s, the Battimore Orioles baseball team is to explore the possib-lity of home and away games ist the Cuban national team, later this year.
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representative from Florida, said that the measures were part of an Administration attempt to mask its "true inten-tion of normalising relations with the Cuban dictator".

Ms Ros-Lehtinen's Cuban-American colleague in the House, Lincoln Diaz-Balart, also a Florida Republican, said that he will oppose any food sales to Cuba on the ground that they are illegal The Administration said that any such sales would be limit-ed to entities independent of the Government, and, therefore would be legal.

Mr Clinton insisted that

none of the initiatives involved any softening of the threedecade trade embargo - imposed in 1962 when President Castro aligned his country with the Soviet Union - saying: These steps are designed to help the Cuban people without strengthening the Cuban Government

"They are consistent with our policy of keeping pressure on the regime for democratic change - through the embargo and vigorous diplomatic initiatives - while finding ways to reach out to the Cuban peo-ple through humanitarian ef-forts and help in developing civil society."

The measures build on the Cuba Democracy Act of 1992, which tightened the US embargo but also called for increased exchanges between Cubans

Progress in consact be tween the peoples — rather than the Governments — of



President Castro and his Communist regime are not intended to benefit from Washington's new measures which aim to "help the Cuban people"

hampered by political ser-backs, including the mass exo-dus of Cubans to Florida in 1994 and the shooting down by two Cuban MiC jet fighters of four unarmed, Miami-based planes north of the island in 1996. However, the Pope's visit to Cuba a year ago has made it easier for the Administration to introduce innovations.
Officials insist the policy

shifts help to promote democracy without helping President Castro. A year ago all cash transfers from US residents to needy Cubans were

In March, Mr Clinton allowed Cuban-Americans to send up to \$1,200 (about £723) a year to relatives. That restriction is to be eased further, permitting any US resident to send money to the island up to the \$1,200 senses highly the \$1,200 annual limit. Until 1993, President Castro

barred Cubans from holding with a gittering ball but a group of senators. Neverthe— Progress in contacts be dollars, seeing the currency as required in some areas, particularly for less the cooping of senators. Neverthe— Progress in contacts be dollars, seeing the currency as required in some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself— a sion to review all aspects of US tinue to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher— a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself— a busy attacked than the Governments—of But with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a believe to work with the cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a believe to work with the cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a busy the plan for increased the President himself—a busy to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a busy to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a busy to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a busy to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will former pitcher—a huge fan. Some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a busy to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. An early test will be a some areas, particularly the plan for increased the President himself—a busy to work with the Cuban economic exchanges. The two countries is a control of the properties of the properties i



Castro addressing supporters in 1959, days after his predecessor, President Batista, fled the country

to family members are believed to have spared countless Cubans from destitution and allowed many to set up private businesses, something un-heard of a few years ago.

Cuban co-operation will be

the Baltimore Orioles travels

to Havana, per Choies travels to Havana, per Cuban officials on the possibility of one or two exhibition baseball games with a Cuban squad in March. Baseball is the most

go to independent charities aimed at assisting Cubans. Currently mail deliveries be-

tween the countries are possible but often take months. The proposal for a direct service comes after a significant expansion of US-Cuban telephone communications earlier in the decade, made possible by an extensive modernisation programme. Direct charter flights to

Cuba were legal until 1996 when the four Miami-based planes were shot down. Mr Clinton retaliated by banning such flights, but he reinstated them last March. His new proposal contemplates an easing of existing restrictions on such flights, possibly including allowing flights from cities other than Miami.

The sales of food would be to non-governmental organisations and independent restaurants. The decision to reject

of Vîrginia. He is an embargo opponent who led the drive for the commission and believes that current policy treats Cuba more cruelly than more bona fide threats to America's national security, such as Iraq

and North Korea. Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, hailed the package as a "major advance in our effort to reach out to the Cuban people.

"Our goal is to encourage the development in Cuba of peaceful civic activities that are independent of the Government and that will help the Cuban people prepare for the day when their country is once again free," she said.

She added that the US shift in policy would "maintain pressure for democratic change" on the island nation while at the same time helping to advance "the dream of a Cuba where all can participate in . . . political life. We will continue to work with them on constructive ideas to promote

### Diplomats in US accused of using slave labour

SLAVERY lives on in the United States, with diplomats and officials in international organisations often guilty of treating staff like seris, according to human rights groups.

Some of those alleged to be the worst abusers are foreign-ers employed at embassies and institutions such as the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the Unit-

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They are accused of bring-ing in domestic staff from impoverished countries on temporary work visas and then forcing them to toil round the clock, without days off, for poor wages. The servants, mostly women, are often vic-tims of violence but have nowhere and no one to turn to. Janet Reno, the Attorney-General, has launched an investigation, involving the FBI and a clutch of govern-

ment departments, into what she called the "serious problem of modern-day slavery". The Washington Post yesterday published a catalogue of alleged abuse in the capital by foreigners who had flouted la-

FROM KAREN LOWE

IN LOS ANGELES

Close co-operation between US and Chi-

ing up the money, officials said.

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

One illiterate Ethiopian woman. Yeshchareg Teferra, claimed that she worked for a member of staff at the IMF for 90 hours a week for eight years. Although she says she was given a contract for a wage of \$235 (£145) a week, she received just \$1,060 for the entire period, in effect working. for 3 cents an hour. She has filed a suit against Dawit Makonnen her former employer, for back pay and damages.

Mr. Makonnen has argued

Reno: ordered inquiry into slavery allegations

that she is owed nothing because after he left the IMF in 1992 she was a "guest" in his house. "I was not their guest," Ms Teferra said: "I was not even their employee. I was

The FBI became aware of a 60-year-old woman working ior a Brazilian businessman when she entered hospital and told social workers she had to beg neighbours for food but was afraid to run away because she had been told by her employers that she would be arrested for being black.

Canberra: Australia is to ex-

pand the scope of proposed new anti-slavery laws aimed particularly at the growing sex slave trade and will increase jail terms to 25 years for the most serious offenders. The federal police have uncovered 14 cases of sexual slavery in the past two years. Australia has not changed its slavery laws for 150 years. The legislation will focus

on slavery generally and the re-cruitment of people overseas for sexual servitude," Amanda Vanstone, the Australian Jus-tice Minister, said. (Reuters)

FBI frees youth and arrests kidnap

suspects as China holds accomplices

#### Hollywood 'Indian' dies at 94

By GILES WHITTELL

IRON Eyes Cody, a veteran actor who claimed to be an Indian and came to symbolise the plight of America's en-dangered wilderness, has died in Los Angeles after half a century in Hollywood and a youth that remains shrouded

in mystery.

He gamed fame in an era when Native Americans were called Red Indians, making a career as the noble face of an oppressed people. Two years ago, however, a New Orleans newspaper claimed he was a second-generation Italian American for whom Hollywood provided an escape from his parents' blue-coliar grind.

Mr Cody appeared in doz-ens of prewar Westerns and worked with such directors as John Ford and Cecil B. De Mille, but was best-known for a one-minute commercial first broadcast in 1970 in which he paddled down a river past a beiching smokestack and turned to the camera in front of a littered roadside, a single tear rolling down his cheek.

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A differnt student in the San Marino neighborhood east of Los Angeles, the young man's disappearance went unnotiond for two days. His guardian and neighbour believed she had not seen him because he was studying late.

When he did not show up in school and there was no explanation for his absence. FBI ACENTS have freed the son of a wealthy Taiwanese businessman held for ransom just as Chinese authorities airest-ed accomplices in Fuzhou province pick-

the guardian contacted his parents in Taiwan, according to Cary Isaacs, the San Marino police chief. They immediately contacted the police.

that she had noticed several days before the abduction that a car had stopped near the home while a man stood at the end of The driveway looking at the house.

The boy's father, Fu Shun Chen, who

house where the boy was being held. The authorities waited to confirm the boys location before raiding the home. Before delivering the ransom money, the father asked if he could speak to his

son to make sure that he was still alive. During that conversation, agents tracked the mobile telephone to the Temple City At the same time, under the direction of Chinese and US authorities, the father

agreed to a meeting in Fuzhou, in China's

Fujian province about 30 miles across the

sea from Taiwan, to deliver \$500,000. The Chinese authorities arrested two men who had accompanied the boy's father to a Fuzhou bank to withdraw the

### In search of the energy inside a vacuum

Physics can show there is energy in a vacuum, but will we be able to tap into it, asks Nigel Hawkes

In empty

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perfect vacuum is the ab-sence of everything, un-less you are a quantum physicist. Then you know that empty space is actually filled with particles which wink in and out of existence too rapidly to be seen. Even at absolute zero, a vacuum is sweating energy at every pore, unlikely as it seems. Some bolder spirits, touched by millennial fever, have even claimed that this zero-point energy" is the fuel of the future which will generate electricity, replace crude oil and propel mankind across the vast emptiness

Texas, rather grandly called the In-stitute for Advanced as a tiny force acting between two flat reflecting plates

Studies — an echo of the better-known institution at Princeton where Einstein spent his final years — a small team led by the physicist Dr Harold Puthoff is testing the claims of inventors who say that they can tap into zero-point energy. Over the past decade. Or Purhoff has and out of examined at least ten devices and found none

To mainstream scientists, the effort smacks of cold fusion. But un-

like that débade, in this case at least the energy is real, as obysicists have recently shown in experi-ments which confirm quantum theory's predictions to a nicety. While this brings us no closer to exploiting zero-point energy, or even to knowing how much of it there is, it is always satisfying when a longstanding prediction is proved true.

But first, why should zero-point energy even exist? The simplest explanation comes from Heisenberg's uncertainty principle, which declares that it is impossible to know simultaneously both the position and the momentum of a particle. At absolute zero, this principle would be violated if particles were

absolutely still, since then both posi-tion and momentum would be known. So they must continue to jiggle about, even when they no longer have any thermal motion. The same rule applies to energy. That means that even in empty space, energy continues to exist; and because energy and mass are equivalent, the vacuum energy must be able to create particles which flash briefly into existence, then disappear. Such ephemeral events are called fluctuations.

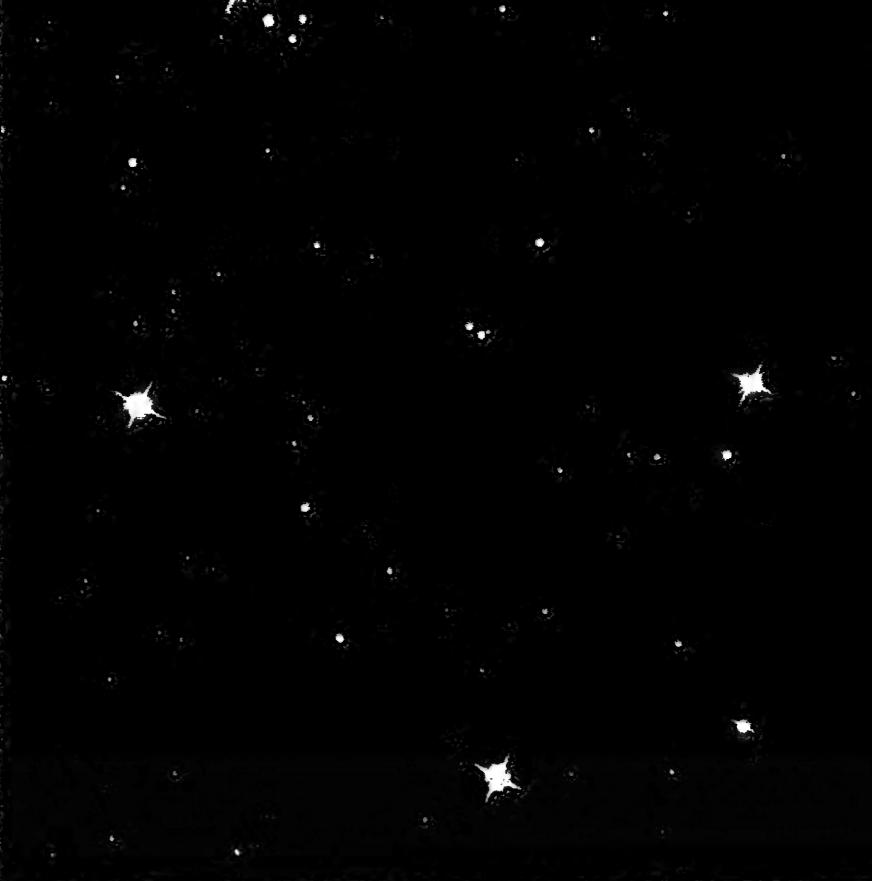
In 1948 the Dutch physicist Hen-drik Casimir outlined a way of detecting this vacuum energy. He ar-At a laboratory near Austin in. gued that it should manifest itself

held very close together. but not touching, in a vacuum. If the gap were small enough, he reasoned, it would form a channel so narrow that only certain wave-lengths of light, and their respective particles, could be contained

Just as driving into a turnel cuts off a radio signal, so the narrow channel would cut off some of the wavelengths of light. But outside the channel would be photons of all wavelengths. The

discrepancy would result in a force pushing the plates together - a force no bigger than a speck of dust falling on the top plate but still, in theory, detectable.

Last year the physicist Steven Lamoreaux, of Los Alamos National Laboratory, measured the Casimir force for the first time. His experimental arrangement was more complex than Casimir envisaged, consisting of two gold-coated quartz bars and a gold-plated sphere, arranged close together so that the effect of the Casimir force was to cause one bar, hanging on a wire, to twist. He then measured the force needed to restore it to its



The Pleiades, an open star cluster 400 light years from Earth. Devotees of zero-point energy claim that it could help mankind to cross the vastness of interstellar space.

original position. It agreed with Casimir's prediction to within 5 per cent. "We're excited; it confirms a very basic prediction of quantum electrodynamics," said Ed Hinds of

ussex University. Last month Umar Mohideen and Anushree Roy, of the University of California at Riverside, went a step further, using an atomic force microscope to position an aluminiumcoated sphere less than a thou-sandth of a millimetre away from a plate and to measure the force between them. After correcting for errors, they concluded in Physical Review Letters that the force they measured was within I per cent of the predicted value. And by enlarging and cooling the ball, "we are confident that we can improve the accuracy by a factor of 1.000°. Dr Mo-

So yet again, quanturn theory has triumphed over common is an oddly constructed energy just a curiosity. or does it underlie some of the large-scale struc-ture of the Universe? Can it ever be put to use? Here is where enthusiasts such as Dr Puthoff and most of the

rest of the physics com-

munity part company. Even calculating how much energy there might be the worst failure of an order-ofpresents awkward problems. In theory, any volume of empty space could contain an infinite number of fluctuations, and hence an infinite amount of energy. That energy

To many scientists. the effort smacks of cold

> magnitude estimate in the history of science," he says.

fusion er than the observed expansion of the Universe allows. This must be If so, there must be a lot less vacuum energy than the equations sug-gest. There might be enough, per-

would in turn generate gravitational fields out haps, to contribute to an anti-gravity effect, observed in the acceleratof all proportion to anying expansion of the Universe described in last week's Science Briefthing we observe in the ing. Certainly Dr Lamoreaux's exare made to eliminate untapped reservoir of energy waiting to be exploited. His experiment the infinities, the extracted 10-15 joules, a piffling number remains dauntingly large - according to the Nobel Prize-winquantity. He resents having become a hero to a group for whom he has little time. The zero-point energy community is more success-

ning physicist Steven Weinberg, ten to the power of 120 times larg-

ful at advertising and self-promotion than it is at carrying out bona fide scientific research," he told Scientific American. None of this worries Dr Puthoff. He believes that zero-point energy provides the force that stops elec-trons in atoms spiralling down until they hit the nucleus; and also sus-

pects that inertia, the reluctance of

by the drag of moving through a zero-point field. If so, he argues, then it would be worth trying to manipulate the field to reduce mertia, much faster, and bence much farther, on the same fuel load, Nasa. the American space agency, con-vened a meeting at which this lifea. was discussed to the disgust of some physicists.

objects to be accelerated, is caused.

Although it is never wise to deciare a possible source of energy moonshine — as Lord Rutherford once did of nuclear power — the prospect of civilisation subsisting on a vacuum seems improbable in the extreme.

Even in a quantum universe, with its Alice in Wonderland quality, that would be too close to getting something for nothing.

Microarrays can carry 10,000 fragments of DNA — and will eventually diagnose disease

A NEW device is set to revolutionise biology. No bigger than a credit card but carrying up to 10,000 fragments of DNA, the microarray will do for genetics what the silicon chip did for computing. It is a safe bet that in the next century, microarrays will be diagnosing disease; assessing an individual's risk of cancer or heart disease; or monitoring the progress of a drug

Last week a team from the Medical Research Council's Clinical Sciences Centre at



### Genetics' smartcard

Hammersmith Hospital used a microarray to identify a gene in rats that causes a condition akin to insulin resistance syndrome in human beings. The discovery, published in Nature Genetics and reported in some editions of The Times on December 29, is important not only because the syn-drome is an early pointer to obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease, but also because it illustrates the power of microarrays to penetrate the genetic jungle and pinpoint a single tree. The method works because

DNA is a double-stranded mol-ecule which, when split into single strands, does its best to double up again. But it can only do so if it finds the right single strand with which to form a pair. The strands consist of chains of bases - ade-



nine, cytosine, guanine and thymine -- which always form the same pairs. Adenine on one strand always binds to thymine, while cytosine binds to guanine. This means that will fasten together like a zip-per, but only if their sequences

are complementary.

A microarray consists of a solid surface of glass or silica, with single-stranded fragments of DNA arranged in columns and rows across its surface. Creating the chips has something in common with building a silicon circuit. The end product is a flat surface with a huge number of short lengths of DNA floating from it, like tendrils of seaweed ris-

ing from the ocean floor. To use the chip, a DNA sample is taken from a patient. purified, split into single strands, then cut into short lengths. Each piece is then tagged with a fluorescent molecule, and washed over the chip. Where DNA strands in the mixture hit a complementatwo single strands of DNA ry sequence on the chip, they

bind. The better the match, the stronger the bond. Then a chemical is washed over the chin to break all but the strongest bonds. Finally a computer reads the position of the fluorescent tags still attached to the surface, and matches them to the original length of DNA attached to that site.

In this way a microarray can be used to "interrogate" a

sample of DNA and to identify the DNA sequences within it. "In a single afternoon, people have confirmed work that took several years using conventional gene sequencing processes," Ed Hurwitz, of Affymetrix, a California company which has pioneered the technology, told New Scientist. Nature Genetics has produced a supplement on the subject, the Chipping Forecast, available on the Internet as a Web special at http://genetics.nature.com One day, the entire human genome will be available on a chip, or range of chips. Then results will really pour in.

### single stickleback

AMONG male sticklebacks, size really doesn't matter. What the females want is not a big mate. but one who can shake that thing. The better the shaker, the more desirable he is, according to Sara Ostlund and Ingrid Ahnesjö, zoologists from Uppsala University in Sweden. They studied the 15-spined stickleback, Spin-

achia spinachia, a species in which the male provides the main care for offspring building nests, cleaning and protecting the eggs, and fanning them with his pectoral fins.

The point of fanning is to oxygenate the em-bryos, to improve their chances of survival The optimum fanning style is achieved in short but vigorous bouts in which the highest possi-ble beat rate is reached. So females can do themselves a favour by picking as mates those males who can do this well.

But how are they to know in advance? The zoologists report in Animal Behaviour that shaking is how the males advertise their skills. They do so by bending their heads upwards and shaking very last for about a second, alternating the behaviour with other counting rimals such as showing the nest, approaching the female, or biting her.

#### Sex, shakes and the | Valuable prize for lunar prospectors



WHAT use is the Moon? While it is certainly not paved with gold, it does harbour a gas that may one day be as valuable: helium-3. This rare isotope of helium, 1,000 times less common than the regular helium-4, could provide the fuel for a finure generation of fusion reactors, in which it would be combined with deuterium — a form of hydro-

gen — to produce abundant energy.

Helium-3 is far more plentiful on the Moon than on Earth because the Moon captures it from the solar wind, a flow of particles from the Sun: It is estimated that 750,000 tonnes of helium-3 lie in the top times metres of the Moon's surface, when a mere 30 tonnes in a fusion reactor would be enough to meet the annual energy. demands of the entire American economy. Now planetary scientists from the US Geological Survey have produced a map of the distribution of helium-3 for future prospectors.

The best areas lie in the maria, the Moon's dark sees and regime with the maria.

dark seas, but regions with titanium-rich rocks are also pinpointed because they trap the gas. But nobody is likely to be trampled in the rush to exploit it. At best, helium levels in the husar soil do not exceed 20 parts per billion, which means shifting a lot of soil for not much beliam.



### Do you have to have big breasts to work here?

over The New York Times, Peter lets out a sudden groan. Tragic news," he cries. "The Manhatian Hooters is going bankrupt. We must go there before it closes."

In fact he has been trying to organise a trip to Hooters since it opened here on 50th Street, just off Broadway, a year ago. I have not been enthusiastic With 237 restaurants across the country. Hooters is the swift-largest restaurant chain in America; however, the attraction is more than its food. Like most other chains, it serves the standard fare of burgers; chicken wings and chief sal-ans suffocated with blue cheese dressing. But Hooters offers an extra delicacy; a flotilla of friendly waitresses, famous for their generous breasts, cantilevered by pushup bras into skimpy crop-tops accompanied by equally skimpy orange shorts.

"I'd better get a group together while we can still go," says Peter briskly, reach-ing for the phone. "Michael? Did you see that Hoosers has filed for chapter II protection. from creditors? We're thinkMichael "Count me in " "Hooters? That's my Dad's favourite restaurant," says

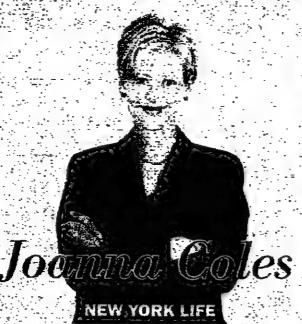
I cail to make a reservation on the free-phone number. "Burger and fries, burger and ines, burger and fries... says the message imitating a stuck record. Tired of the same old menu? Come in Hooters and enjoy our gour-met botdogs. You can add mushrooms!" Then the recep-

"Hello, Hooters." "Can i make a reservation

for tonight? I ask.
You want to make a reservation?" This in itself is our first warning. In a town where you can wait weeks for a booking, and Le Cirque, five minutes walk away on Madison, claims to receive 5,000 calls a day from diners begging for a table, the girl from Hooters sounds incredulous.

Yes, for six people." "Er, OK then, but there's re-

Saturday night: From the out side, Hoosers, perched on the second floor above a 24-hour parking garage, is not easy to



spot. Its entrance is up some steps leading to a concrete countyard, where the owner. later dolefully admits he was recently mugged. The six of us arrive promptly at 6pm but are soon to be disappointed. Where are the hooters?

iowel. Dana's father, a veteran of several Hooters bars in Virginia, looks confused. The interior is kind of the same but one of the girls from exciaims Peter, as a waitress my local Hooters, at Newport News, went on to be a Playsails past in a shapeless white

round table whose centre-

don't think anyone here's rated with imitation road

Another fully tracksuited girl goes past and, noting our chagrin, Ross apologises. "We are having a little heating problem ... Outside it is a perishing ISF and one of the

coldest days I can remember. Though the interior is the regulation sauna-style orange pine, reminiscent of a ski chalet, it is distinctly cool.

"Hi, I'm Anna, Welcome to Hooters. I'm your waitness for this evening," says Anna, hopping up on to one of the high stools and settling in as if to join us for the evening. This is another of Hooters' unique selling points which goes down so well west of the Hudson. While they take orders, the waitresses are required to join your table and chat.

Though slight, Anna's cleavage is bravely on display, peeping from the top of her crop-top. As we look around, it becomes clear that she is the only one sporting enough to expose any part of her body at all. The other girls are sticking to their sweats, their only concession to Hooters being the red flashing badges they wear on each nip-

signs: "Caution: blondes thinking!" Next to it is another one: "Warning: high levels of hydrogen peroxide in the air." And another, featuring twin humps, warns simply:

On the neighbouring table a large man has just inserted long ribbed stems of celery up each nostril and is nodding his head, barking like a walrus to cheers ions, Anna hands us each a paper

plate and an anti-

septic wipe.

badge on lightfully tacky yet amrefined." hoasts the menu, recalling the original di-

1983 by the start-up team of what to name yet another restaurant chain. "Simple, what else brings a gleam to men's eves everywhere besides beer and chicken wings and an occasional winning football season? Hooters — it is supposed they were into owls!"

Yeah, that owl thing confused people a bit," says Dana's father. "At the grand opening in Newport News. grandmothers took children along thinking it was a nature restrurant.

We order two Sample Platters - "A little bit of everything. Trust us, we never lie." Around us the restaurant erupts as 50 televi-

scoring

the

sion screens show the Arizona Cardi-The only against the Dallas concession Cowboys. In his is the red bouring table has removed the celery stick from his flashing right nostril and is chomping it.

each nipple or is closing down

> more Baywatch than Sally Bowles. The atmosphere is saucy postcard not serious sex, and in one corner two young children are cheerfully tucking into a pile of battered buffalo wings, accompanied by their parents.

New York's May-

the city's sex clubs.

So why hasn't it caught on here, I ask Richard Yudenfriend, the owner of the franchise, sitting gloomily at the bar. Given that it now has two extremely successful S&M restaurants, is Manhattan too sophisticated? Its taste in sex too dark for this whole-

some Midwestern version? "No. no. The problem is that the landlord's not giving me enough signage expo-sure," he grumbles, flicking his tiny ponytail. "No one can find us."

"Do you have to have big breasts to work here?"

"No," he insists. "Just the right personality." Hanging from the ceiling above him, a promotional inflated Budweiser sofa is leaking air with a

"Whenever I go to a different city I always look for the Hooters," says Roberto Rosado, a broker, roosting at the bar in a black woolly cap and alpine sweater. "I came by for a beer once, wanted to be alone, but I loved the staff. I like the Miami Beach Hooters. It's just like this - only 60

As we get up to leave, Yudenfriend calls after us, "Come back at the end of next week - we should have auxiliary heating on by then."

### How to silence the body when it cries out for a doughnut



In the final extract from his book, Dr Robert C. Atkins says nuts or cream cheese may stop the cravings that threaten to break your diet

Atkins programme is not just: about losing weight, it helps you to keep excess pounds off for ever by adding some of your most de-sired foods to the basic diet. you lost weight on. It also recognises the fact that some times it is just impossible to resist a craving or the desire to: binge — and shows you how to break the diet and survive.

If you do succumb to that craving and go back to sugar, bread or fruit, you suddenly discover that you must have these foods and that no day or meal feels right without them. If this should happen, you will notice that the need which develops is genuinely physical. It isn't simply that a doughnut tastes good and that you'd like to have it. No. your body roars with anxiety and passion for that doughnut. And then you know - you have activated an addiction, just like an alcohol-. ic with his bottle.

This isn't shameful. It's physical, it's chemical, it's met-

abolic - and that's precisely the craving signal. The best why you must avoid it. Most of you already know that for a significant portion of your life carbohydrates have been stronger than you. But even now you must never ignore a. craving: it may pass but it is likely to reappear momentari-ly when your resolve is weak.

And then you break the diet. Since craving is part of addiction, that could trigger a cycle of addictive eating behaviour. Your craving appeared, most likely, in a relatively fasting state; it was triggered by a fall in blood glucose and your body perceived a need to put a brake on the falling glucose level and gave a signal that sweets were needed.

Change your physiology from a fasting to a fed state by eating something in Atkins diet language, food, rich food. and plenty of it - but of course, fat and protein food with very little or no carbohydrate. This will stabilise your : blood glucose and all the other constituents that give rise to

foods to beat a craving are macadamia nuts, the dieter's best friend. Other nut choices are walnuts, pecans or brazils. Others are cream cheese or

rich dessert cheese.

. You can also do this with something sweet - artificially so - and with whipping cream. Put three or four tablespoons of whipping cream into a glass and top it with a diet soft drink, or you may opt for diet gelatin dessert with whipping cream. Or try fried pork rings which sound terribly fatty but, in fact, contain nearly none. Virtually all the fat has been rendered off.

Similarly, if you binge, it is better to binge on protein/far foods. Not because you can't gain a pound or two if you put away too many thick steaks, but because protein foods are fundamentally self-limiting. Everyone has eaten 30 biscuits in one sitting at some time, but how many people have eaten ten hard-boiled eggs at one sit-ting? People just don't do it.

Protein and fat foods satiate that they don't unleash a metabolic tidal wave in your body.

On reaching your ideal weight, move on to the maintenance diet. Here you no longer need to practise a ketogenic diet, since ketosis/lipolysis by definition involves an element of fat loss. Newly slim people are no longer trying to shed pounds so they don't burn fat. But here is the carch that many dieters don't understand: there is very little leeway before you break through the other Critical Carbohydrate Level - the Critical Carbohydrate Level for Mainte-

gin to gain.

A typical person of average metabolic resistance may find



Beware the binge: if your body screams out for a particular food, you have activated an addiction. It is metabolic - and you must tough it out

appetite too quickly. The crucial fact about protein foods is Very few people get protein addiction. Your blood glucose level doesn't rise sharply and fall when you eat an omelette.

nance, the one at which you be-

he must stay on between 40 and 60 grams of carbohydrate daily. Eating more than the 40

MEAL PLANNER IDEAS FOR THE MAINTENANCE DIET.

(All foods on the Induction and the Ongoing Weight Loss

's grapefruit: 135g (4's oz) of honeydew or camaloupe

melon; 90g (3oz) of berries, any kind, with a dollop of

Spinach egg pie - 900g (2h) spinach leaves, 1thsp fresh

basil, 2thsp ricotta cheese, 2 egg yolks, 450ml (16fl oz)

wripping cream, 1tosp grated Parmesan cheese. Preheat

minute. Cool. Squeeze out excess water. Place in food

oven to 230C/450F/Gas Mark 8. Cook spinach for 1

DINNER

stuffed tried mushrooms, cold salad of scrambled egg and cottage cheese with asparagus; stuffed fried mushrooms

Starters, soups and salads: chilled marineted

BREAKFAST

soured cream or whipped cream (not pre-sweetened); you may add almond,

lemos, orange or vanilla flavours; 125g (4cc) unflavoured yeghurt; comed

processor with basil, ricotta, egg yolks and cream. Arkil sait, pepper and

grated nutmeg to taste. Puree. Sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake until golden.

Main columns: chicken caccistors; modalitons of temb with green lentils and

es. French beans with weimut sauce; stuffed peppers.

diets are also included.)

beef heelt; eggs Florentine; mushrooms, onlors and eggs.

LUNCH

(Makes four servings, each with 13.6 carb. grams.)

with goet's chase.

Desearts: Chocolete truffles; rum truffles; zebegőöne.

prevents him from losing more pounds and becoming too thin; eating less than the 60 prevents weight gain.

Once you are on the maintenance diet you can eat most vegetables, nuts and berries. You can cautiously reintroduce the vegetables containing more than 10 per cent carbohy-drate, as well as whole grains such as oats, barley, millet or buckwheat. You may even be able to handle an occasional potato and a fruit a day. You can begin to use recipes containing some carbohydrates.

ut the last choice for you, the truly hazard ous indulgence, is sweets. Frankly, you should restrict your consumption of sweets made with real sugars to the occasional slice of birthday cake. Make your own sweets with artificial sweeteners. And remember to be endlessly wary of sugar and corn syrup, white flour and corn starch. Look at labels on packaged foods and avoid like the plague those that contain sugar, corn syrup, honey, maltose, dextrose, fructose, lactose, sorbitol and other variations. Use caffeine and alcohol in moderation.

And if you find yourself gaining weight, don't put off dealing with it — go straight back to the induction phase of the diet. Never allow yourself to be more than a two-week diet away from that goal weight. Do not go back to your maintenance diet without first losing all you have regained. It is simple. A salad a day of carbohydrate and you have slashed your weight back to perfect in as little as six to eight days, or two to three weeks if you have high metabolic resistance.

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• Catherine Collins, chief dietician at St George's Hospital, London, points out that this diet is not suitable for diabetics. Anyone starting a diet should first consult their doctor.

Bronwen Maddox asks if America

is ready for Mrs President

he most boring politi-cian in America could have upstaged the impending Senate trial of Bill Clinton. That drama is lacking in direction, momentum or menace. As it happens, a couple of the dreariest had a good shot. The arch-conserva-tive Senator Bob Smith of New Hampshire, in announcing that he might run for the Republican nomination for President in 2000, and Senator John Ashcroft, figurehead of the Religious Right, in hinting that he probably would not, glimmered in the limelight. Neither signal has real import, other than to show how much attention has already turned to the next presidency, regardless of President Clin-

But it was Elizabeth Dole who deservedly grabbed this week's headlines. Her announcement that she was stepping down as President of the Red Cross to consider "exciting possibilities" was read, as intended, as a sign that she might run for the presidential nomination. Can Bob Dole's wife, who threw herself so prominently into his unsuccessful 1986

bid for the White House, succeed where her husband failed? Will America have its first female President? For all the delighted speculation, the answer is almost certainly no. The barrier is not the national reluctance to elect a

woman as its head.

For sure, that ex-

ists, but is shrinking, and no longer seems insurmountable. The greater problem, in Mrs Dole's case, is that she is second-rate. If Elizabeth Hanford Dole, 62, ran for the Republican presidential nomination, she would be only the second woman to do so. The first, Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, in 1964, won

only 225,000 primary votes. But it is not just novelty which has generated the buzz around Mrs Dole this week. Repeated polls of Republican voters put her second only to George W. Bush, son of the former President, as the most popular candidate. A Harvard-educated lawyer from North Carolina, she can claim to know Washington from the inside; she worked in non-elected positions in six Administrations, including Deputy Assistant for Consumer Affairs for President Nixon, Secretary of Transportation under President Reagan and Secretary of

Labour under President Bush. She won rave reviews for her speech at the 1996 Republican National Convention, and won more airtime in championing her husband in his 1996 campaign. She is thought casily capable of raising the \$25 million or so needed for the primary election campaign. A born-again Chrislian, she has a stronger appeal to the Religious Right than

George W. Bush. She can offer her party its long-sought solution to the "gender gap" - women's rela-tive antipathy to Republicanism. Not least, and with more subtle appeal than the Clintons' 1992 slogan of "two for the price of one", she offers the reassuring backdrop of her widely liked husband.

But Mrs Dole's shortcomings are also glaring. She has never before sought elective office, nor been forced to spell our her policies in detail. Nor are those policies clear, be-yond her opposition to abortion. Originally a Democrat, she became an Independent during the Nixon Administra-tion and converted to Republicanism on marrying Bob Dole, A campaign would also reopen scrutiny of her past financial dealings, particularly gains she is said to have made in the 1980s from having her personal finances handled by an adviser who had close knowledge of legislation her husband was helping to craft.

But above all, you could not call her a natural politician. Known for conscientious overpreparation, there is some-thing of the Harriet Harman about her. As Time magazine put it: "Elizabeth never gets a word or pause or chuckle out of place, but she can no more ad lib than levitate." Even when cast in the role of top executive, she plays it as head

girl; she once greeted employees in the parking lot with a Stop sign so that she could check The real problem is, their seathelts. she is sends is confusing: ten parts Southern untried girlishness, with a doll-like fringe, to and

one part steely executive. She has fash-ioned a saocharine second-rate style, helped by her honeyed accent, which has prompted one conservative commentator to note: "A warning should be passed out to diabetics — after

ten minutes, they'll suffer from

sugar shock."

The message she

So while she is often com-pared with Hillary Clinton, the First Lady is in a different league. True, there are similarities: both are Methodists. were raised in comfortable middle-class surroundings. and trained as lawyers. But there is a chasm between the diffidence and evasiveness of the 1950s-style Southern belle, and the purposefulness of Chicago-honed. Hillary's 1960s passions.

Mrs Dole's stiltedness should not however, lead observers to exaggerate the barriers to a woman becoming President. The conservatism of many Americans about women's role, despite the vigour of the feminist movement, remains one of the country's paradoxes. But as the polls have shown this week, voters' feelings are changing. Many seem now to feel they could live with a female President. particularly a Republican, who would not seem as offputtingly radical as a Democrat.

It would be a shame if Mrs Dole's near-certain failure to win the party's nomination led observers - or future candi-dates - to overestimate the barriers to women. She could, perhaps more plausibly, aim to become America's first female Vice-President. As running-mate to George W. Bush, she would bring balance to the Texan's ticket.

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"TAKE THIS ... IT'LL DO YOU A POWER OF GOOD.

### Herrs to the revolution

his will be Berlin's year. A new German Government is moving to an old German capital. But what sort of Government, and what sort of city?

Conventional wisdom compares Gerhard Schröder with Tony Blair. One genuine point in common is that both were picked as candidates by the media before they were chosen by their party. The comparison to Blair, in Schröder's case, was part of the anointing process itself. They share telegenic looks and a rhetoric of modernisation. But in some ways the parallels are misleading. With his private schooling, his stint at Oxbridge and his lucrative practice at the Ray Blair is a traiged product of a the Bar, Blair is a typical product of a

privileged background. Schröder, whose father was killed on the Russian Front, comes from the debris of postwar German society. His mother was a charwoman; his first job was in an ironmonger's shop; his degree was eventually obtained at night school. He became a leader of the Jusos, the SPD's youth organisation in the early Seventies, when it was well to the Left of the party, and alone. The rules of any took active part in mass demonstrations. The aura of moderate pragmatism is quite recent. But there is no lack of charm: sturdy good looks, attractive thick voice, mischievous smile. Blair appears an over-eager

adolescent by comparison. The larger difference, however, is institutional. The SPD is not in thrall to its leader. It is a very different party from new Labour. Twice the size. with 700,000 members, it has a culture noticeably more working class. The atmosphere of an SPD rally is closer to Labour meetings of the Sixties or Seventies than to anything in Britain today. Trade unions in Germany weathered the Eighties better, and enjoy stronger Eighties better, and enjoy stronger daring "spontaneist" groups in Frank-relations with the party. A still more important difference between the two organisations lies in the regional

distribution of power in the SPD. Germany's federal structure means that political careers are made first and foremost in the Lander. Schröder, catapulted within six months block police action against housing of winning a provincial election in occupations, matching violence with Hanover to leadership of the country, is entitled to his party's gratitude. But he has no deep-rooted following within it. Indeed, he was widely distrusted, the party's aminude recalling the view expressed by Claud Cockburn that "charm and dependability so rarely go together".

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Oskar Lafontaine, whose skill, charisma and discipline galvanised the SPD machine in the years of Helmut Kohl's decline. Lafontaine was another postwar orphan from a poor family, educated by Jesuits in the Saar, who became the brightest of his generation of SPD politicians.
He is intellectually better prepared

than Schröder, with more decided views. As Minister of Finance, and SPD chairman, his position is unusually strong. Lafontaine is the first Western politician of aggressively Keynesian outlook in 25 years. He has already seen off Schröder's attempt to install a wan version of Richard Branson as Economics Min-

isterand shaken the Bundesbank. The direction of the Government, of course, will not be set by the SPO German coalition give significant leverage to the lesser parmer. The Greens are likely to pull the Government in less conventional directions than social democracy. left to its own devices.

would follow. The figure of Joschka Fischer, the Green Foreign Minister, indicates why this should be so.

Son of another victim of pied a unique position the war, a labourer expelled from within the generally conservative. Bohemia in 1946, he is a survivor of culture of the Federal Republic. There the student radicalism of the Sixties. In those years, he led one of the most rouse the working class to revolt When management flushed them out. Fischer turned to the squatters' movement in Frankfurt, organising a mobile strike force, the Putztruppe, to

violence where need be, Eventually a demonstration against the death of Ulrike Meinhof in 1976 got out of hand and a policeman was nearly killed. Fischer was arrested on suspicion of attempt-ed murder, but released for lack of evidence. Changing his mind about

Rotherham Man smart.

BILLY ZANE, the panto baddie

ic, clearly thinks he has the

director's eye. On a visit to the Chelsea Cinema, he stormed out.

yelling that the screen was blurred.

Staff found that the film was out of

focus — a detail the one-eyed

projectionist had failed to spot.

The members' favourite remains the legitimacy of civil violence, he spent some years driving a cab and dabbling in philosophy, then joined the Greens and quickly rose to the top as their most flexible and articulate

> Fischer's career can be seen as in. many ways emblematic. He is the first chemically pure product of 1968 to become a front-rank politician in Western Europe. The revolt of that year left deeper and more durable traces in German society than anywhere else. The mass movements were more spectacular in France and Italy, but they did not have the same cultural staying power.

Three features set the German upheaval apart. Morally, the awakening of 68 was also a first attempt to settle accounts with the prominent Nazi came from Berlin.

national past, as a generation started to discover and confirmi the record of its parents in the Nazi years. Intellectually, the revolt drew on a much richer complex of indigenous ideas than its counterparts elsewhere. The in varying with the ease and lack of distance that we associate with reading Smith or Mill Moreover, the radical Frankfurt School occu-

> was no body of social and philosophical work remotely rivalling its influ-

Finally, there was a strain in the national culture at large that relayed the momentum of the late Sixties and early Seventies into the Green movement a decade later. This was, of course, the long tradition of German Romanticism, interpreted broadly. from Werther to Wenders, the most enduring strand in the sensibility of

the country's intelligentsia.

In a great variety of different registers, two motifs remained constant: an acute sense of the mystery of the natural world, and of the high calling of youth. The Greens are the populist heirs to this tradition. The

Perry Anderson on the former student when it ebbed, it left behind a rich fenland of counter-cultural enclaves in West Germany. Here the environmental concerns of the Eighties found a natural habitat. Germany is the one country where the question of what has ultimately become of the experience of 68 will be put to a direct test. The reinstating of Berlin as the

capital next year will, if anything only underline this progressive turn

No European city has accreted so many misleading legends as Berlin. To resist them is easier, however, than to capture the chisive realities now taking shape behind them. Most people associate Berlin with Prussian military tradition. Bismarck's autocracy, Nazi violence and megalomania. In fact, Frederick II preferred his complex in Potsdam, Bismarck disliked Berlin so much that, after unification, he wanted to make Kassel the capital of the country. No

erim was not a natural Setting for reaction. In 1848 it saw the hardest fighting at the barricades of any city in Germany. By the turn of the century, it was the most industrialised capital in Europe, with a working class population to match, It led the students who triggered November Revolution and was the the movement read Marx scene of the Spartakist Rising. In the Weimar period, it was a left-wing stronghold.

The Third Reich and the Cold War cut off these traditions. After Hitler's fall, the division of Berlin masked the question of what, if any, underlying continuities might have survived. The 1998 elections offer a startling answer. The Left won every single district. The map of the city is just one colour, in two shades: bright Social Democratic red in the west and southeast, deep post-Communist red in the centre and northeast.

Compare Paris, a permanent fiel of the Right: Rome, where Fini's ex-Pas-cists are the largest party; or even London, where Ken Livingstone will never sweep Westminster or Kensington. Bismarck's nightmare has come true. Berlin is going to be the most left-wing capital in Europe.

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revolutionary ferment of 68, however comment@the-times.co.uk

### Oh my lord

AMONG the more startling disclosures expected in the forthcoming biography of Peter Mandelson, Mandy, is that the former minister calls his mother "Duchess". He shares this peculiar practice, I gather, with his reflow bachelor, the disc spinner Sir Jimmy Savile (pictured right), as well us those princes of darkness, the Krays. Social commentators and psychologists are pondering why he cannot make do with "Mary". The former Labour MP and psycho-babbler Leo Abse believes it tells us rather

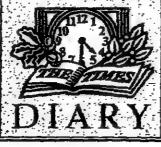
a lot about Wendy's ambition. "Duchesses have sons who are earls and counts," he says, "No doubt it reinforces his delusions of grandeur. Another indication is that he idolises his mother and is bound to her to such an excessive extent that he can't be bound to other women." Lord Hattersley, like Savile, from South Yorkshire. says it is an unusual name even for ferret fanciers. "I've never heard anyone use it where I come from. If I called my mother that, she would think I had gone crackers. It is more Cockney than Yorkshire, and used by people who have an unnatural interest in duchesses." Anthony Clare, the radio quack, suggests it reflects the aspirations

of Wendy as much as Mary - "a powerful figure in his life, although his house could easily be the nome of a duchess". Jean Aitchison, a Professor of Language at Oxford, suspects



land: "The duchess says 'I heat my little boy when he sneezes." And Jonathon Green, slang aficionado, says: "It is prolemarian, possibly East End Jewish. It first arose in the 17th century to describe a good-looking, vulgar woman."

● AFTER my little scoop on birds nesting at the Dome, I am reminded that the Great Exhibition, the Dome's illustrious fore-bear, suffered similarly. The Duke of Wellington suggested to Queen



Victoria: "Try sparrowhawks. Ma" am!" Perhaps Lord Falconer of Thoroton should do likewise.

Toff nosing

SEND for the toffs: the latest cry of William Hague after he axed Viscount Cranborne. After his flirtation with the Church, the Tory leader has trained his field-glasses on the green welly tendency. "I could not help noticing that when the Green movement was at its most vociferous at the end of the 1980s," he will say in a forthcoming paper, "we had Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth, which were run by an Old Etonian hereditary peer and an Old Etonian baronet respectively. That was in stark contrast to the Conservative Party.

It will take a lot more than these

been chilled by a blast of feminism.



Opening time
SIRWALTER SCOTT'S haunt has

My grandfuther says he once saw an absentee landlord

pronouncements, I fear, to make Edinburgh's Speculative Society. the university debating and dining club which has succoured males since 1764, including the Duke of husband to Kate Winslet in Titan- Edinburgh, is being challenged to

open its gates to women. There is even talk of legal action.
"It is an old boys' club and an anachronism," says Sandra Eden. a law lecturer. She demands that the club, which Robert Louis Stevenson called "the best thing in Edinburgh", allows her into its rooms to join the candlelight discussions. The university promises to "investigate".

OXFORD is considering hiring security guards to keep out stu-dents refusing to pay tuition fees. The 12 rebels have been told that unless they pay E1000 by next week, they will be banned from every quad and spire. But it admits that without guards it will be impossible to keep the students from lectures. Such a move would offend liberal dons; but otherwise other students might consider the university toothless and join the rebels. A conundrum; indeed. -

Narky Parky
THE man who put the chit into

chat, Michael Parkinson, is scath-

decorative televisual hosts. Melin-



da Messenger, the blonde belter who has traded modelling for a career of sorts on Channel 5, comes in for particular criticism.

Simply, he believes she is not up to the job. "You've got to train," he says sternly. Take the producers who gave a talk show to her, Supposing I went along to them and said. By the way, you are the executive producer — I'm giving your job to Kylie Minogue [above]. What would they say? Is Parky feeling inscoure?

JASPER GERARD

### These we have missed

Let's celebrate our living legends, says Giles Coren

he loss of not one but two singing cowboys in 1998 was dismissed by most of us as one of death's little ironics. The Grim Reaper seemed to be struggling - very much against the grain of his specific remit - to bring off something rather with with a couple of finely chosen sweeps of his scythe. Something, at any rate, worthy of a Wildean

aphorism.
Once the laugher had died down, however, and it came time. on new year's morning, to leaf through the colour mags annual double-page offerings of the past 12 months most significant croaks, it was not so much the fact that Gene Autry and Roy Rogers were no longer with us that seemed difficult to grasp, as the seemed dinicult to grasp, as the fact that, until so very recently, they had actually been walking about exchanging pleasantnes with the neighbours, burning their tongues on too-hot coffee and hanging their toes on doors and bed legs.

I was hurled back instantaneously to the Christmas of 1994, when, grazing through that year's grim selection of inch-square celebrity grins (they wouldn't have been smiling if they'd known), I was moved to call out to my girlfriend in the bathroom: Did you know that Eugene

Ionesco had died?

A disbelieving head popped round the door, and she gurgled through lips that frothed, with toothpaste I assumed, rather than with indignation at the loss infliered upon France's tradition of Absurdist theatre:

"Ionesco was alive?" I felt similarly this year about Maureen OSullivan, Martha Gellhorn, and Ferdinand Porsche, and last year, almost crip-plingly, about Laurie Lee. What a waste that they should have been

alive, and we didn't know. Still sweating a little at the near-vitality of those two stersoned crooners; I flew to my opoks, computer and telephone. If they had been alive, then so, too, might others have been. Was it possible, for example, that the greatest cowboy of them all rode on? There, at www.lonerunger. com, was confirmation: "Clayton Moore will be 85 in September:" I ran round the house singing Rossini's most famous overture until it hurt (Rossini is dead, by

the way).
1999 had begun as well as I could have dreamt. This is what the supplements should be giving us - not lists of those who are dead, but those who struggle on. ...

Let us not weep at the passing of Alice Faye, but celebrate the continued good health of 91-yearold Fay Wray. We have lost Frank Muir, but there is still time to write fan letters to Denis Norden. Stanley Matthews and Tom Finney are still here. Don't wait for grainy photos of their knobbly knees and hobnailed football boots to tell you they have gone. Shirley Temple is alive, and Don Bradman, and Buzz Aldrin and Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, and Evel Knievel. Desert Orchid, now 19, had a trot out on Boxing Day before the King George VI at Kempton Park, and looked in fine fettle. There are still . 13 of the original Munchkins on the planet, you know.

Don't walk around glum that

every year wipes out another handful of Carry On stars - we still have Barbara Windsor, Jim Dale and Joan Sims. Apart from Steve McQueen and Yul Brynner. we still have most of the Magnificent Seven. Well, I can't seem to track down Brad Dexter, as such But that is probably a good sign.

A nd there is philosophy in all of this. It may be a formight late for Christian consolations, but ask yourself, is Frank Sinatra really any less alive than Bob Hope? We have come full circle in this age of celebrity, and arrived back at a point where we should be able to accept that death really is only a shuffling off of the mortal coil, for oft of earth carmot dent record sales, or prevent the television

repeats of MGM musicals. The dead will always have their moment. It is the living who need our attention. I look forward to a time when Peter Sissons will introduce the last item on the news by lowering his voice a little, looking very seriously at the camera, and saying: "Finally, Mike Yarwood, the comedian whose impression of Harold Wilson made him a household name in the 1970s, and who for many represents the last of a forgutten breed in British television, was still alive yesterday at his home in-Surrey. He is not even ill. He was not on stage at the time. The world of light entertainment is not in mourning. Mr Yarwood is

Alan Coren is away. comment@the-times.co.uk

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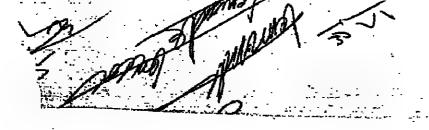
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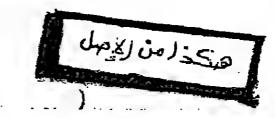
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### THE TIMES

#### CREATURES OF EUROLAND

Serpents lurk in the lush euro-pastures extolled by politicians

In Europe's financial centres this week, the for example, this could in theory drag euro has made a suave entry. That by no means assures future success. On the streets, euro-11 citizens are being exhorted by jubilant politicians and glossy brochures to revel in a "new era for Europe". So far, so painless; and so abstract. Since consumers will go on using their national coinage until 2002, the momentous irreversibility of what has just occurred has yet to sink in. So has the realisation that the advent of what is still a virtual currency cannot gurantee more jobs, a surge in growth or greater unity of political purpose among euroland's 11 members.

On the contrary, as is clear from our recent series on euroland's fault-lines, the euro's chief potential advantage, the transparency it will bring to commerce and to relative economic performance, will throw into sharp relief a host of tensions between the EU's North and South, town and country, old and young dynamic zones and the Belgian or French rustbelts. between Dutch high technology and no-hope lands in east Germany and Italy's south, between the sluggish core and the overheating Irish or Spanish "periphery".

This is far from being an optimal currency zone with compatible characteristics and needs. Despite stremuous efforts to close the gaps on public debt, deficits and inflation — efforts that will be politically hard to sustain now that victory has so resoundingly and prematurely been declared — huge disparities remain between and within countries. Farming, industry and services have very different weights in national GDPs. Unemployment is nil in Luxembourg and 19 per cent in Spain, where wages are half those in Germany.

Yet a single exchange rate and monetary policy must now fit all; and when only Finland and Luxembourg have public debt ratios below Maastricht's 60 per cent threshold and Belgium's and Italy's are more than double, there is little fiscal leeway. So flexible labour markets will have to compensate for lost autonomy. Yet few governments are prepared to take the political heat of rapid deregulation. The curo could, as its fans claim, make the EU more competitive; but that would risk. social unrest which, in France and east Germany, could turn violent. If pan-European producers migrated to low-cost areas. whether these beasts can be truly tarned.

down labour costs at the core. In practice, France and Germany would demand tax,social security and wage harmonisation to combat "social dumping". For the Mezzo-giorno, that would be the kiss of death.

Euroland's publics are ill-prepared, because ill-informed, for trouble ahead. Leaders bent on an elitist project, which has throughout ruthlessly disdained the need for democratic assent, have attacked sceptics as unpatriotic, while presenting the euro as a panacea for every European ill. Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the French Finance Minister, even asserts that the euro will make the EU the world's fastest growing region this year - a rash boast when Italy has downgraded its estimates to 1.8 per cent, and German growth could slow to a miserable 1.4 per cent. As for France's boast that the euro will mark "a new age in job creation", IMF simulations indicate that even if eurozone governments free up labour markets far more aggressively than most intend, by 2010 the euro will have cut dole queues by just 2 per cent. Without such flexibility, it expects unemployment to rise by then by 2 per cent.

The consequences could be explosive. That is why politicians, desperate for faster growth, are already on collision course against the European Central Bank which, by their own design, is statutorily immune to political pressure and barred by treaty from diluting its auti-inflationary mandate. Inflation already threatens the periphery; but the core countries need low interest rates and tight fiscal policy. They may well get the opposite. If Red-Green Germany, no longer an anchor of fiscal conservatism, overspends, the ECB could raise interest rates excessively as a show of strength.

Never in history has a multinational currency union succeeded. The EU has embarked on this unprecedentedly risky experiment with only a shallow, largely passive, consensus. Elites may feel more "European"; but as 2002 nears and people confront the trauma of pulping currencies that form part of their sense of history and community, they may turn more, not less nationalist. In the lush euro-uplands of political rhetoric, burk serpents of popular resentment ready to bite their masters' heels. It will take many years to find out

#### A SCOTTISH LANDSLIDE

Dewar plays on the pipes of auld resentment

In Scotland a mix of politics and populist sentiment ferment into a beadstrong brew. Almost two centuries have passed since the Highland Clearances, when rapacious Scottish landowners forcibly evicted thousands of crofters so as to turn their estates over to more profitable sheep farming. But, in the national imagination, resentment of this historical cruelty still festers. Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, was intenton soothing old grudges when he allowed land reform to rise to the top of his legislative agenda and, just over a year ago, set up the Land Reform Policy Group. But Mr Dewar was responding to more than merely nostalgic pressures yesterday when he unveiled a plan claimed by Labour to be the most important shake up to land ownership since the Middle Ages. In Scotland, polls show the Labour Party increasingly threatened by nationalist sentiment Mr Dewar hopes his radical proposals will compete with the Scottish National Party and thwart its further rise.

Certain aspects of the Scottish system of land tenure need overhauling. Medieval feudalism, long ended in England, endures in Scotland. Estate owners are feudal superiors, with rights and proscriptions over their vassals. This antiquated form of tenure is open to abuse. But the Land Reform Policy Group delegates specific responsibility for feudal reform to the Scottish Law Commission. Instead, its inquiries have addressed the emotive issue of largescale land ownership.

The possession of sweeping Scottish

estates by aristocrats, the English and foreigners arouses animosity. Those who live and work on the land can find their farms sold from under their feet without consultation or warning. Under the stewardship of a few notorious absentees, estates degenerate into depopulated wastelands, local communities wither and disperse. But several, more responsible landowners keep the economies of otherwise unviable tracts of land alive. Shooting and fishing provide seasonal employment. vast integral estates provide a haven for wildlife, bringing valuable tourist income to their isolated communities.

Mr Dewar may hope to seduce the Scottish electorate. But his proposals to enable compulsory government purchase of mismanaged estates are rashly inflammatory. Irresponsible lairds could be deterred by a few, carefully aimed reforms, such as the establishment of an accessible register of land owners or legally enforceable minimum upkeep requirements. Several of Mr Dewar's ideas will prove, when debated in the Scottish Parliament, to be sensible components of gradual reform. They will lead to increased diversity of land use, and offer Scottish people greater involvement in running their communities. But in playing to the nationalist grandstand. Mr Dewar not only risks pointlessly exacerbating divisions between land owners and tenants, but shows that the winning of party political advantage in this emotive issue has become as covetous and expedient as the Clearances ever were.

#### RELATIVE TRUST

Disturbing allegations of 'backdoor' euthanasia

Doctors today need to be as expert in ethics as anatomy. Fine judgments about the balance between relieving pain and preserving life are among the most difficult they have to face. Confronted with an elderly man who writhes in agony, a doctor. might well feel it necessary to sedate him. Some doctors, however, are accused today of seeing sedation as more than just a temporary relief from pain.

Patients' children have noted that their parents have suffered from dehydration after sedation, and then died from an infection. The cry has been raised that doctors are allowing "backdoor euthanasia". Physicians argue they have simply been trying to ease suffering. As we report, there is a disturbing trend of such cases in Britain's hospitals. A thorough investigation of these deaths and clear guidance for doctors on the use of sedatives is essential if the medical profession is to avoid accusations of allowing doctors to play God with their patients.

While doctors treating patients in a persistent vegetative state must refer their. case to the courts before switching off any life support system or denying them food and water, doctors whose patients have course

common illnesses are left to "exercise their clinical judgment". Some, it seems, sedate their patients and deprive them of food and water - allegedly without the patient's authorisation or that of his or her family. If a patient dies, the death certificate will commonly state that the cause of death was the underlying medical condition, not dehydration. This lack of regulation and transparency must be addressed.

The British Medical Association is currently consulting its members on the guidelines surrounding this practice. It should recommend greater clarity in the way doctors make decisions about a patient's treatment, and how they communicate that decision to the patient or his family. If doctors are expected to refer a case of patient in a permanent vegetative state to the courts, why should they not be

expected to do the same for other patients? Yet this debate must not obscure the more crucial question. Why were doctors sedating their patients? There appear to be a multitude of reasons, depending on the specific circumstances. Whatever the case, the BMA should decide whether it is ethically right to help nature to take its

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

! Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

#### Educating children about 'soft' and 'hard' drugs

From the Chief Executive of the Standing Conference on Drug Abuse

Sir, You report (January 2) that Keith Hellawell, the UK Anti-Drugs Coordinator is questioning the effectiveness of education about drug use.

In the Government's White Paper, Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain, published last April, ten Secretaries of State said:

Action will be concentrated in areas of greatest need and risk. All drugs are harmful... And we will focus on those that cause the greatest damage including beroin and

It is simply not true to say that drug education has "not worked". It is becoming clearer from research that drug education, delivered in the proper context and in the appropriate way, has the potential to reduce drug mis-use or at least to delay the onset of experimentation. This in turn is more likely to reduce the prospect of a young person's drug use turning into a more harmful and risky dependent

Following the White Paper, the De-partment for Education and Employ-ment published guidance to schools and the youth service on good practice and drug education, Protecting Young People. In his foreword to the guidance, Keith Hellawell said:

Many schools have already established their drug education policies. Many exam-ples of good practice have emerged. We need now to share this information and en-courage all schools to take note of best

As Mr Hellawell will be aware, the national curriculum is under review and advisers and ministers are already considering the future role of personal; social and health education, including drug education. This will undoubtedly reinforce the need for a comprehensive programme to be delivered to all young people from age

Keith Hellawell and the Govern-

Sir, As a Cypriot whose ethnic back-ground is Greek, I would like to respond to Mr Osman Streater (letter,

January 4).

I have never made the distinction

between Greek and Turkish Cypriots because I believe that this distinction

has greatly assisted in creating the

present situation. Recalling times be-

fore the invasion by Turkey my own

ties coexisted on the island peacefully.

However, I believe the attitude to-

wards Turks from the mainland was

Now that there has been a great

import of mainland Turks to northern

Cyprus it would be very difficult for

the Island to be integrated. Therefore

separation may be the only peaceful

solution. However, Osman Streater

compares a mutually agreed ex-change of population in 1923 with an invasion in 1974 which resulted in loss

At that time Turkish Cypriots made

up approximately 18 per cent of the

population. Now mainland Torkey

holds over 40 per cent of the island.

Surely a statesmanlike response from

Turkey would be to return some land

as a positive move towards lasting

Mandelson resignation

Sir, Lord Rees-Mogg compares Peter Mandelson's case with examples from

history ("The noble tradition of British

risk-takers", January 4).

The point, surely, is that standards are stricter now, and that Mandel-

son's conduct as a minister was in

GEORGE CHRISTODOULOU.

57 The Broadway, NW7 3DA.

From Mr William Hamilton

Yours faithfully

Yours faithfully,

January 4.

WILLIAM HAMILTON.

From Dr David Carvel

deal with this sensitively.

white elephant?

Yours faithfully,

DAVID CARVEL,

13 Edgemont Street,

carvel@compuserve.com

Pine Cottage, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey GU27 3EE.

Redstarts stop Dome?

Sir, How delightful it was to read of

the humble and endangered black redstart threatening to halt work on the Millennium Dome (report, Janu-

ary 5). I am unsure if Lord Palconer of

Thoroton would be the best person to

Is it not poignant that little black

Business letters, page 25

redstarts could hold up a massive

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January 4.

of life, mainly on the Greek side.

and is altogether different.

Peace in Cyprus

From Mr George Christodoulou

ment need to recognise that throughout the world there is no drugs education programme that can absolutely guarantee to stop young people from ever taking drugs. If that is the sole objective, then the policy will fail. The aim has to be to reduce the damage that misuse of drugs can cause our young people.

Yours faithfully, ROGER HOWARD, Chief Executive, Standing Conference on Drug Abuse, 32-36 Loman Street, SEI OEE. January 4.

From Dr Richard Cookson

Sir, Keith Hellawell wants schoolteachers to stop talking to British children about "soft" drugs. But will this change in policy actually succeed in preventing children from taking Ecstacy and cannabis? The truth is that nobody knows - and we may be missing an excellent opportunity to find out

A rigorously designed scientific trial of this new drugs education cam-paign should be carried out in a care-fully selected region of Britain. Over time, scientists could compare drugtaking behaviour in this region with drug-taking behaviour in other regions. This would provide high quality scientific evidence about what form of drugs education campaign works best, which would be of genuine and lasting value in dealing with the British drugs problem.

A blanket change in drugs education policy across the whole of Britain will not provide useful scientific evidence, because scientists will not be able to disentangle the effects (if any) of Hellawell's policy from those of all the other possible influences on drug-taking behaviour. And all the old drugs arguments will continue, based not on scientific evidence but on the usual heady mixture of gut instinct, ideology and the understandable

Sir, As a university lecturer I have felt

under siege for several years. Exter-nal audits of my institution's proce-

dures, my teaching, my research, effi-ciency gains (ie, enforced cuts in

income), etc. are never-ending. But

whereas I have previously objected to these external attacks on my occupa-

tion, I have recently come to under-

stand them better. It has become clear

to me that any group of professionals which has control over its own acti-

vities and revenues eventually comes

to serve its own interests, and not

Given that by its attacks on the

various professions the Government

seems to share my beliefs, I trust it

(i) The annual costs of the House of

Commons should be identified. These

will rapidly adopt the following:

those of the general public.

From Dr M. J. Burchell

political pressures on the "drug czar" to be seen to be doing something. Yours faithfully, RICHARD COOKSON,

LSE Health, London School of Economics. Houghton Street, WC2A 2AE. r.cookson@lse.ac.uk January 2.

From Father Jim Duffy

Sir, My confidence in drug czar Keith Heliaweil took a knock when I read that he was proposing that "reformed drug users could be used in more schools to give talks to pupils". Does he not realise that impressionable and immature, over-confident, young people, particularly those at greatest risk, will take one look at a reformed user or addict lecturing them about the dangers of drug use and say to themselves, "If he or she can kick the habit, so could I."

Keep reformed users out of the schools. Users or addicts who have failed to kick the habit and who are still not in control of their lives would be far more effective.

Yours sincerely, JIM DUFFY, 5 Park Road, Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire WD3 IHU.

From Mr A. J. Turner

Sir, You report that "there will be no jobs ... in the Army or the police force" for those with a record of drugrelated offences. As the professionals who most in-

fluence youngsters are teachers and youth workers, perhaps that prohibition should be extended to them. Your obedient servant, ANDREW TURNER

(2) Parliament should move to a fixed

five-year cycle. All MPs should collect

statistics on their own performance during the life of a Parliament, in-

cluding attendance record, voting rec-ord, number of speeches given, num-

ber of amendments moved, number

of laws introduced or passed, number

of constituents' letters answered, etc.

At the end of the cycle these statistics

should be assessed by an external, in-

MP a rating I to 5 as appropriate. These ratings should be published in time for the elections to the next

Parliament. To prevent MPs playing

the system, the rules of this assess-

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pendent body who will award each

(Vice-Chairman, Conservative National Education Society). 2 Northwood Place, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 7TN. From Sir George Engle, QC

Roman dates lead

to Latin headache

Sir, Writing 1999 in Roman numerals has its problems (report and leading article, January I); but saying it in Latin, unless I am mistaken, needed no less than II syllables, viz mille nongenti nonaginta novem. This makes the French mille neuf cent quatre-ringt dix-neuf (eight syllables) look comparatively economical; but our almost telegraphese "nineteen ninety-nine" (five syllables) is the clear

winner for brevity.
I have always wondered why the French have had the patience to put up for so long with quatre-vingt dixneuf for 99 in everyday speech. The answer seems to be that it is a legacy from Caesar's conquest of Gaul.

Yours faithfully, GEORGE ENGLE, 32 Wood Lane, Highgate, No 5UB.

From Mr Andrew Laurie

Sir, MDCCCCLXXXXVIIII or MIM? It comes as no surprise to read that Roman bureaucrats would have preferred to pepper their documents with

long-windedness.

Museums around here are full of inscriptions made by those Romans who had better things to do (like defending the Empire) and so used

abbreviations.

MIM will do fine for me.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW LAURIE, VII St Oswald's Road, Hexham, Northumberland NEXLVI IIHF. andrew.laurie@virgin.net January I.

From Mr Norman Sanders

Sir, "We shall all know what we will celebrate in the year MM," you tell us. Most certainly. The number MM is a nice round soft landing — an easily recognised end to two millennia whereas its successor, MMI, is an asymmetrical upstart, an appropriate intrusion signifying the start of another millennium.

The Roman system - which didn't contain a zero - offers indisputable evidence that the Government, the BBC, the Churches, the hoteliers and even The Times have got it wrong by a

There's hope yet that the Jubilec Line will be on time.

Yours faithfully, NORMAN SANDERS, Wainut Tree Cottage. Tattingstone Park, Ipswich IP9 2NF. norman\_sanders@compuserve.com January l.

From Mr Neil Roberts

Sir, Your reporter seems to have his emperors confused. There was no Emperor Flavius,

although Flavius was the family name of a dynasty of emperors. Work on building the Colosseum in Rome (known as the Flavian Colosseum rather than Flavius's Colosseum) was started by Vespasian, the first Flavian Emperor, and completed by his son Titus, the second.

NEIL ROBERTS. 18 Chesham Street, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 INA. nrob@pavilion.co.uk

From Mrs Helga Harrison

Sir. Wouldn't even a dying Caesar have remembered the vocative and cried "Et tu Brute", not "Et tu Brutus" (as in your headline today)?

HELGA HARRISON. 3 Westfield Lane, St Leonards-on-Sea, East Sussex TN37 7NE. January 1.

From Miss Nan Miller

Sir, That's odd. I thought the clock Rupertedly stood at X to III. How could IIII possibly rhyme with tea? Yours sincerely. NAN MILLEŘ.

35 Love Lane, Rochester, Kent MEI UD. January I.

#### Web site

From Mr H. G. Dyke

Sir. My spider adheres rigidly to the Highway Code (letter, December 26). He(?) spins his web at traffic lights or junctions, returning to the corner of the wing-mirror when the car moves off, thus causing no distraction. Yours faithfully,

HAROLD DYKE, Avondale, Alexander Place, Abercanaid, Nr Merthyr Tydfil CF48 ISJ. December 27.

#### Present and correct

From Mr Ian Rae

Sir, For once I got a rather good shirt and tie for Christmas, so I tried them on and showed my wife.

The verdict? "You look different when you're clean."

Yours dazzlingly, IAN RAE, The Doctor's House, 1257 Bristol Road South. Northfield, Birmingham B31 2SW. December 29.

breach of guidelines which his Gov-ernment had endorsed, and which his party had assured the electorate it would observe if elected.

From Mr M. G. Harman

Sir, Why should addresses contain more than the postcode, asks Mr Ray Perkins (letter, December 28; see also letters, January 1)? The simple answer is redundancy.

A single error in any character in a postcode will generally be correctable only with great difficulty, if at all, whereas clerical errors in ordinary addresses are often corrected subconsciously without even being noticed.

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL HARMAN. Camberley, Surrey GUIS 2EG. January 2

Sir, Mr Perkins will be pleased to

Still, postcodes can be unnecessarily lengthy. I once sent a postcard from the United States bearing a friend's name and the address: IoW, UK. It reached its destination.

TONY PEARSON.

desire for constitutional reform, I look forward to rapid adoption of my

before the four tons of Amatol

Even at a submerged speed of only

one-and-a-half to two knots this still

enabled these 5ft diameter craft to get

well clear, as witness the successful

attacks and returns to base achieved

by several of Meeke's successors — among them Max Shean X 24, Bergen, April 1944), the late Percy

Westmacott (X 24, Bergen, September

1944) and lan Fraser (XE 3, Singa-

(Co-author, Above Us The Waves,

Sir, I believe there is every reason to

use our village and county when

Many of us in East Cornwall refuse

to use the Plymouth, Devon, postcode

we have been given, which does not

the code, that we are city dwellers and

quote prices accordingly, and quite

unfairly, particularly for services such

Sir, Sir Francis Beaufort would re-

quest that Reg Gale (letter, January 1)

should either change his surname to

Storm, or move next door to number

eight so that his postcode address

would be "meteorologically" correct,

ie, Gale Force Eight or Storm Force

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Marylebone Road, NWI 5HL.

From Mrs M. D. Wicks

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as car insurance.

Yours sincerely,

Tresco, Calstock Road,

Gunnislake, Cornwall.

From Mr Barrie Jenks

M. D. WICKS,

January 2.

the way through a Parliament.

should include salaries, pensions, heating, maintenance of fabric, full Yours faithfully, M. J. BURCHELL, cost of all support staff, etc. There should then be imposed on this cost an annual efficiency gain of 5 per cent. This should last for five years, at 121b Whitstable Road, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7NR. which stage further annual efficiency m.j.burchell@ukc.ac.uk gains should still be imposed.

exploded.

pore, July 1945).

Yours faithfully,

Нагтар, 1953).

December 29.

64 Harley House,

JAMES BENSON

Efficiency resolutions for MPs

Below the waves

From Mr James Benson

Sir, Your obituary of Captain William Meeke (December 29), while rightly applauding the ground-breaking contribution he made to the development of the first X-craft in 1942-43, was incorrect in two of its references to those craft.

First, these were four-man submarines, not two-man. Second, the prospects of an X-craft's crew returning safely from an attack were not limited to "escaping from the X-craft and making for the surface".

The explosive charges that one dropped beneath the keel of one's target were fitted with time-clocks affording up to an eight-hour delay

#### Addressing postcodes

Holmwood, 37 Upper Park Road.

#### From Dr Tony Pearson

know that I routinely use just a name and postcode on envelopes, sometimes with the first line of an address. The Post Office never fails to deliver.

Yours faithfully, BARRIE JENKS. Bromsgrove Boaters, Norvencliffe, Redcliffe Street, Worcester WR3 7AP.

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#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 5: The Duke of York this afternoon received Lieutenant Colonel Neil Baverstock at Sunninghill Park upon relinquishing command of 9th (County Antrim) Battal-ion The Royal Irish Regiment. His Royal Highness also received Lieutenant Colonel Willem Buckley upon assuming command of 9th (County An-

trim) Battalion The Royal Irish Regiment, January 5: The Prince Edward, Patron. The National Youth Orchestra of Scotland, this evening attended a concert at the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow (Mr Pat Lally). Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

#### School news

Edgehill College, Devon Term begins today. The Entrance Examination to the Senior School will be held on Friday, January 29.
The Annual Charity Week will begin on Monday, February 22, with the proceeds going to the RSPCA. The Careers Convention will be on Friday, March 5, and the College's production of The Little Shop of Horrors will take place at The Queen's Theatre, Barnstaple, on Tuesday, March 9, and Wednesday, March 10. Term ends on Wednesday, March 24.

The King's School, Canterbury The Lent term began yesterday. A Confirmation Service will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday. March 7. 1999, at which the Bishop of Maid-stone will confirm. Music Scholarship Examinations will take place on February 1 and 2, King's Scholarships on March 1-3, and Art Scholar-ships on March 4, 1999. Term will end on Saturday, March 20.

Portsmouth Grammar School Term begins on January 7, 1999. The Chairman of Governors hosts a Twelfth Night Dinner, for the 10 A-level prizewinners of the past two years, in the Square Tower on January 6. The inaugural Dickens Birthday Lecture Dickens and Murder will be given by Professor John Carey on February 6, preceded by a Reception at the Dickens Birth-place, the Guest of Honour is the Lord Mayor of Portsmouth. The annual Exhibition takes place in the City Museum and Art Gallery from March & at the Private View on March 9 the monograph A Turner for Portsmouth will be launched. Governors, staff and pupils will take part in a Charity Talent Show on March 12, to commemorate preprep pupil Angus Gibson, who died last term. The Choral Concert takes place in the Cathedral on March 13. Andrew Saunders and Emily Copsey have been elected as the lirst holders of sports Exhibitions. Details of all events, including those in the Partnership initia-tive The Dickens of a City, are available from the school.

St Catherine's School, Bramley Spring term begins today at St Catherine's School, Bramley, Clare Clinton takes up her duties as Head Girl, and Charlone Edmond as Deputy Head Girl. Auditions for Music scholurships will take place on Saturday, January 9, and assessment for the Sixth Form An Scholarship on Friday, January 29. The Middle School Concert will be held on Friday, February 5, at 7.30pm in school. The GCSE Options Open Morning (for the parents of girls in Upper 4) will be on February 6, Long Leave is from February 13-21. The school play The Evacures will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday March 11. 12 and 13, in the Speech Hall, Term ends on Thursday, March 25. Whitgift School

Lent Term beings today and ends on March 31. Lord Kilpatrick of Kineraig, CBE, FRSE, is Guest of Honour at Prizegiving on January 15. The Junior Entrance Examination is on January 21. Haydn's Creation, in conjunction with the London Mozart Players, Whitelit Associate Musicians, will be per-formed at Croydon Parish Church on March 24 at 7.30 pm. Our Town will be produced at Whitgift on March 25-27. For details of Arts Events please telephone 018f 688 9222 or e-mail: office@whitgift.co.uk The Whitgift Foundation is a registered charity and exists for the education of pupils.

Woldingham School The Spring Term begins at Wold-Ingham School today. The new 19 million Music and Drama Centre will be handed over by the contractors at the end of January and will be in use during the term. The Centre will be officially opened by Mr Chris Patten, CH, on May 5. The term ends on March 26.



A bust of Leonardo da Vinci is carefully lifted ready to go back in its rightful place in the Central Hall at the Royal Academy, London. The return of the eight plaster busts, which include Michelangelo, Sir Joshua Reynolds and Sir Christopher Wren, marks the completion of seven months' restoration work on the Central Hall. The restored gallery will be open to the public for the first time when the inhibition Monet in the 20th Century opens on January 23

#### Birthdays today

Major Kenneth Adams, Honorary Pellow, St George's House, Windsor Castle, 79; Mr Malcolm Apple-by, engraver, 53; Mr Rowan Alkinson, actor and comedian, 44: Mr Paul Azinger, golfer, 39; Lord Ballour of Burfeigh, 72: Mr Roger Barton, MEP, 54; Mr A.J. Bowkett, chief executive, Berisford International, 48; Sir Ashley Bramall, former chalrman, GLC, 83; Sir Robert Clark, former deputy chair-man, TSB Group, 75; Mr John Croft, criminologist and oil painter, 76: Mr Angus Deayton, writer and broadcaster, 43; Mr Kapil Dev. cricketer, 40: General Sir Martin Farndale, 70: Sir Hugh Fish. water scientist, 76; Mr Mike

Foale, British-horn astronaut, 42; Mr Ronald Goldstein, Joint founder, Superdrug, 62; Mr Barry John, former rugby player, 54; Mr P.J. Kavanagh, writer, 68; Sir Christopher Lewinton, chairman, TI Group, 67; Miss Nancy Lopez, golfer, 42; Lord McColl of Dulwich, 66; Sir Harnish Macleod, former Financial Secretary, Hong Kong, 59; Sir Brian Moffat, chairman, British Steel, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Michael Moore, 57; Mr man, Brush sies, ou; vice-aum-ral Sir Michael Moore, 57; Mr Richard Nerurkar, athlete, 3S; Lord Plowden, 92; Mr Bill Slrs, trade unionist, 79; Miss Sylvia Syms, actress, 65; Mr Terry Vena-bles, football manager, 56; Sir Ernest Woodroofe, former chair-

EDIM - Beryl Hanlewood, Died peacefully at a nursing home in Banatea on 30th December. Funeral Service on Thursday 14th January a 2.00pm in All Saints' Church, Banatead, No Rowers, please. Any donations to The British Home and Rospital for Incurables, Crown Lane, Streetham, SW18 21B.

Everiett - (née Jessop)
Frances Elizabeth much
loved and devoted wife of
Douglas for 56 years.
Mother of Susanna and
Catharine, Frennie to
Richard and Edward,
sister-in-law of Sheilah
and Pamela. Died aged 79
peacefully on 3rd January
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pescefully on 3rd January after a long illness. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Stoke Bishop Monday 11th January at 1.45 followed by cremation at Camierd Crematorium. Family flowers andy. clonations to BRACE Alzheimers Research, Blackberry Hill Hospital, Bristol BS16 2EW.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: St Joan of Arc, Donnemy, France, 1412; Jacques Etienne Montgollier, balloonist, Annonay, France, 1745; Gustave Dore, artist and book illustrator. Strasbourg, 1832: Tom Mix, film actor, El Paso,

DEATHS: Panny Burney, novelist and diarist, London, 1840; Louis Braille, inventor of the reading system for the blind, Paris, 1852; Gregor Mendel, geneticist, Brno, Czechoslovakia, 1884; Theodore Roosevelt, 26th American Presi-dent 1901-09, Oyster Bay, New York, 1919; Victor Fleming, film director, Phoenix, Arizona, 1949; A.J. Cronin, novelist, 1981. Samuel Morse gave the first public demonstration of his electric tele-

### Forthcoming marriages

Mrs Jonathan Johnston, of

Roquesteron, France, and Amanda.

Berg, of Noosa, Queensland.

Mr A.F. Legge and Dr J. Simus

Westcliff on Sea, Essex

The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs R. McCrum, of

Dulwich, London, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.D. Shepherd-Smith, of Ewshot.

Mr P.W.H. McCrum

Mr.A.S. Mewes

New York, USA.

Dr J.R. Payne

and Miss C. Chandhary

hary, both of Birmingham,

and Dr J.R. Tennick

and Miss J.L. Floming

und Miss A.M. Webster

Mrs Geoffrey Miles, of Ewhurst Green, East Sussex, and Carnilla, younger daughter of Mrs Carole Allen and Mr Qayyum Chaud-

The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alan Payne, of Poynton, Cheshire, and Jane, daughter of

Mr and Mrs Martin Tennick, of Camerbury, Kent. Mr I.H. Wallis

and Miss J.L. Fleming
The engagement is announced between lan elder son of Mr and Mrs John Wallis, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Jane, elder daughter of Mr Hugh Fleming, of Chichester, West Susser, and Mrs Diana Hodge, of Knebworth, Hertfordshire.
Mr S.M. Whithread

The engagement is sunnumed between Spencer, son of Mr Donald Whitbread, of Great Horwood, Buckingharushire, and

Mrs Carole Whitbread,

Chigwell, Essex, and Arabella, daughter of Mr Charles Webster

and Ms S.J. Rolinski

daughter of Dr and Mrs Derek

Mr T.C. Boles and Miss D.C. Lewis

The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Mr Vernon Boles and of Mrs Boles, of Chine, Inverness-shire, and Clare, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jim Lewis, of Kirk Michael, Isle of Man.

Mr J.T.S. Chippendale and Miss C.E.J. Hooton The engagement is announced between Justin, eldest son of Mr Thomas Chippendale, of Chippenham, and Mrs Felicity Royle, of Malmesbury, Wilstime, and Claire, doughter of Mr and Mrs John Housen of Kimmen.

Mrs John Hooton, of Kimpton. Mr S.P. Cray and . Miss A.M.J. Minton Beddoes

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of the late Mr Brian Gray and of Mrs Gray, of Carshalton, Surrey, and Andrea, daughter of Major and Mrs Stewart Minton Beddoes, of Chency Longville, Shropshire. Mr O.W. Hall-Craggs and Miss E.J. Baldwin

The engagement is announced between Wade, son of Mr and Mrs John Hall-Craggs, of Newbury, Berkshire, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grant Baldwin, of Walkerville, South Australia. Mr A.J.R. Hicks and Miss J.C.E. Eugster

The engagement is announced between Ashley, elder son of Mr and Mrs Keith Hicks, of Sibford Cower, Oxon, and Julia, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Timothy Eugster, of Langford, Devon, Mr I.N.H. Jarvis

and Miss H.C. Threlfall The engagement is announced between lan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Herbert Jarvis; of Bernbridge, Isle of Wight, and Chice, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Turelfall, of Ruyton-Ki-Towns, Shropshire.

Mr A.P. Jones and Miss I., Murfin The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Jones, of Dorridge, West Midlands, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dudley Murlin, of Shrewsbury, Shropshire, Mr J.V. Romeo

and Miss A.R.C.A.C. Rice-Evans The engagement is announced between John Vincent, elder son of Or and Mrs Anthony A. Romeo, of Manhattan, New York, and Antonia Rebecca, only daughter of Professor Peter and Professor Catherine Rice-Evans, of Primrose Hill, London:

and the late Mrs Webster, of Saffron Walden, Essex.

Royal Victorian

attending the service.

Owang to the limited senting expacity of SI George T Chapel, tricket for the Service and reception will be restricted to Members of the Royal Victorian. Ower and holy. Please to an apply for tricket for spouses, or other guest, who are now members or Medically so it by Order, Hongrany Members, and had a large proposed. Order

and Miss M.L. Sporting The engagement is announced between Jeremy, elder son of Mr and Mrs Colin Payne, of Cape Town, South Africa, and Miranda.

Mr R.A.B. Johnston and Miss A.J. Berg The engagement is announced between Alasdair, son of Dr and daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Spurling, of Dockenfield, Farnham. Mr B. Rell and Miss Z.E. West The engagement is announced between Barnaby, only son of the

The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mr and Mrs M.H. Legge, of Brailsford, Derbyshire, and Julie, daughter of late Mr Raymond Relf and of Mrs Relf, of Barnes, London, and Zoe, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs. John West, of Padworth Common. Mr and Mrs M. Blancher, of Berkshire. and Miss C.T. Shepherd-Smith

Mr J.P. Rose and Miss E.H. Roberts The engagement is announced between Jonathan, younger son of Mr and Mrs Paul Rose, of Claygan. Surrey, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Miles Roberts, of Taumon. Somerset.

Mr B.W. Rusling and Miss A.G. Casde The engagement is announced between Andrew, younger son of the engagement is announced between Brian, younger son of the late Mr Kenneth Rusling and of Mrs Anne Rusling, of Hindhead, Surrey, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Mewes, of Dutwich, London, and Sylvia, only daughter of Mrs Kinka Rolinski and the late Mr Zhivko Rolinski, of Mr and Mrs Christopher R. Castle, of Mattield, Kent. The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and

Mr C.D. Smith-Wright and Miss S.M. Ainsworth and Miss S.M. Amsword.
The engagement is announcedbetween Christopher, elder son of
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith
Wright, of Ramsdell, Hampshire,
and Susy, second daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. Michael Ainsworth, of Thaxted Essex

Mr R.M. Taylor and Dr V.M. Edwards The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R Taylor, of Gearhart. Oregon, and Victoria, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs G.W.B. Edwards, of Wallasey,

Mr N.H. Tarpin and Miss W.M. Hawes The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Turpin, of Sunbury-

on-Thames, Surrey, and Wendy, eidest daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hawes, of Berkhamsted. Herrfordshire. Mr A.J.M. Wilkinson and Miss S.J.F. Braddock

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs David Wilkinson of Repton, Derbyshire, and Samaniha, daughier of Mr and Mrs Michael Braddock, of Kirkella, East Yorkshire.

Members of the Order and Medalikus who

Members of the Order and Medalless who wish to mend should not later than Friday, March 12, 1994, clearly training their rooms, address mid Grade within the Order, They should also made if they require a particup permit, Application should be made to the Registrar of the Royal Victorium Order, 37th Commit Chascey of the Orders of Knighthood, St. https://prices.forders.53th.1984.

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place where the child was Matthew 2.9 (CEV).

BIRTHS

AMOS - On November 27th to Bridget and John (né Moores), a daughter, Mary Evangeline Moores, a sister for Dora and Ralph. ANDREJEVIC - On Jan ist at The Portland Hospital to Branks (Prohaska) and

Aleksandar, a son, Marko a brother for Vledimir. BAYME - On December 12th at The Portland Hospital to Clare and Andrew, a son, Edward Charles Collingwood, a brother fo William Frederick. COKE - to Polly and Tom a

daughter on 29th December 1998, Hermione Belinds. COOK - On December 23rd 1998, to Jame (see Moffat) and Nicholas, a daughter Naomi Rachel, a sister for

DOUGLAS-HOME - On Isquary 4th, to Alexandra (née Miller) and Sholto, a son, Louis Robin. ESSE - On Wednesday December 30th 1998, to Elizabeth and William, a daughter, Pollyanna Ophelia Hare, a sister for Barnaby, Otto and Tristan.

GATEMBY-TANKARD - On 25th December 1998 to Jacquelyn and Justin, a daughter Lily Caitlin, a fovely sister for Scarlett and Daisy.

GIMOUR - On let January 1999, to Clare (nee Trent) and Fergus, a son, Archie William, a brother for GRAHAM - On December 28th to Deborah /née McEneff) and Alastair,

son, Findley David Alexander, a brother for Lewis. 29th 1986, to Amanda (née Mason) and Philip, a son, Edward a beautiful brother for Daisy and Christian.

LAWRENCE - To Lesiey (not foley) and Andrew on 2nd January 1999 a beautiful son. Samuel John March. Praise the Lord!

MEAD - On December 12th at The Portland Hospital to Suling (nee Chan) and Scott, Ferin daughters, Emma and Isabelle, sister for Betsy, Amanda and Alexander.

Mordinals - On December 23rd at The Portland Hospital to Mebek (see Pamani Pravin) and Ashok, a son, Sameer. MOORE - On 22nd Dec 1998 in London, to Surie (née Hawkins) and Anthony, a son, Matthew Charles, MOSKOVIC/THOMAS - On 30th December 1998. To Elexact and Meirion a gilt

of a beautiful daught

PALMER - On 28th December to lane and David, a doughter. Charli Clare, a sister for Mark and Danielle.

ARGYLE - His Honer Micheal Victor MC QC MA Cantab former Old Balley Judge died pescefully at home January 4th. Much loved instead of the late Ann. darling father of Gabrielle, Marie and Caroline and grandfather of Rathleen, Alice. Martingling and grandiather or natural Alice, Maximilian and Edward, Funeral to be

at The Portland Hospital to Stephanie Sweeney and Michael Pryor, a danghter, Maisie Sweney.

RAFFERTY - On December 30th at home to Jame (née Williams ) and Patrick, a daughter Madien Frances Pets Watcyn, a sister for Bethan Carilla and

DEATHS

ADAM - On 2nd January
1999, peacefully in his 84th
year after a short illness.
David Lionel Adam TD,
devoted husband of the
late Marjoris Diana Adam,
much loved father of Nigel
and James and
grandfather of Thomas
and Diana Funeral
Service at Ruckings Parish
Church on Monday 11th
January at 12.30pm,
Donations if desired
payable to Christ's
Hospital School c/o
Romney Marsh Funeral
Service, Coorge Lana, New

Edward, Futeral to be held Tuesday 12th January 11.45am St. Edithes Churth, Tanworth, Staffa, All caquiries and flowers to Evans and Sons Funeral Directors, 20 Albert Road, Tanworth, Telephone: 01827 56505.

DEATHS peaceful at home on January 1st. Dearly loved husband of Monique and much loved father of Jane and Richard, father-in-law of Elaine and Andrew and grandfather of Timothy and Andrew.

law of Elaine and Andrew and grandfather of Timothy and Andrew. Panearal Service to be hald an Monday January 11th at 2pm at St Marry's, Little Wakering, Essee, Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to Woodgreen Animal Shelter, c/o Wiggins Faneral Director, 84 High Street, Great Wakering, Essee, Tel 01702 219284.

BOATFIELD - Margaret Resamend (née Wilcockson), beloved widow of Cerald and loving mether of Christ and Tony, died on 3rd January aged 86 at Sutt Manor Nursing Home. Funeral at Salisbury Crematorium at San of

Crematorium at 3pm on Monday 1 th Innuary, No flowers, Donations to Womens British Legion, c/o Mrs Rooper, Wellow,

BRITLAND - On December
31st 1938, peacefully at
home William Stanley,
beloved husband of Jean,
lather of Andrew and
Samantha, grandlather of
Cassandra, James and
Tobias, Funeral service
will take place on
Wednesday Jenuary 13th
at Christ Church, Coombe
Road, New Maiden,
followed by private
cremation. Flowers and
enquiries to Frederick W.
Payne, 132 High Street
New Maiden, Surrey KT3
4ES. Tel:0181 942 1978.

HABROOK - Morag Harvey St. Clair, quietly at home, on 2nd January 1999,

BURROW - Hugh le Fleming late of Bath. Died 25th December 1993 in Woodbridge, Suffolk. Funeral private, no flowers by request.

CARDEM - Anne formerly of Wistaria Cottage, Portchetter much loved wife of Bill, mother of John, Elizabeth, Peter, and Clare and gran to Patrick, Alastair, Vicky, Richard, Seany, Lily, Emily and Annie. Died peacefully at Brutdon Nursing Home Winchester on 2nd Innuary after a long iliness. Family cranation. Thunksgiving Service in her memory at St. Lawrence Church, Winchester near the Butter Cross in High

REARDON SMETH - On 31st December 1998 to Janis (née Rowe) and Gles, a daughter, Sophie Mogan Susan.

WHITE - On 8th December to Lies and Michael 2 son, George Henry.

ADDIS - Jocalyn Faith (née Wedgwood) died at bome on lat January 1999. A fumeral service will be belo at St Mary's Church, Herringfordbury, Hertfordshire, on Tuesday 12th January at 180 nm

ALEXANDER - Marjorie
Eugane A.R.C.M., L.R.A.M.,
F.T.C.L. planist, organist
and teacher, was born in
Wellington New Zenland
on 27th June 1913, died in
Bracknell Berkshire on
January 1st 1999. Funeral
at Woking Crematorium
on Monday 11th January
at 9.30am. No flowers, no
futs. She leaves a husband
and his cat. Domations
however small to The Cats
Protection League, 17
Kings Road Hornham
RH13 SPN.

Street on Saturday 16th January at 200 pm. Family flowert only. Retiring collection for research funded through Streke Association. To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

29th at Bonslow Nursing Home, Eatharine Joan Carling aged 80 years of Hitchim, Hertfordshire. Wife of the late General Carling and dean mother of the late Richard, and of Nigel, Charles, banet and Lydia. Service at Harwood Park Crematorium, Watton Road, Stevenage on Thursday, January 14th at 11.45 am. Family flowers only, but donations if desired for The Missions to Seemen, may be sent t/o Chenery Funeral Services, 44 Bedford Road, Ritchin SG5 2TT (tel: 01462-434375).

CANMICHAEL - Betty, on 31st December 1998, aged 83. Beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. H. R. Carmichael M.C. and of the late Lt. Col. P.A.E. Dumas. Mother of Sarah, Hugh and Mark, loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Cremation private. Service of Thanksgiving for Ismily and Iriends at St. Saviours Church, Brockenhurst, on

and Iriends at 54. Saviours Church, Brockenhurst, on Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm. No flowers, by ber request, but donations if desired, to the Chief Executive, King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, 10 Beamont Street,

CASSON - Doctor Arthur Harry of Oxford (late of Chipping Sodbury), aged 89. Passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday lat January 1999. He's safe, because He's trusting in Jesus'. After a private cremation on Monday 11th January there will be a Thankagiring Service at 54. Ebbes Church, Oxford at 2.00pm. Donations to Sir Michael Sobell House of Revers & Palin, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford OX1 4TE.

CUSHMAN - Jane (née Clapperton) in New York, on 30th December, of cancer. Wife of the late John, mother of Thomas, sister of Amanda, daughter of the late Margery and Douglas (Jock). The Juneal has already taken place. Enquiries: 0171 381 2425,

**DUMAS** · See Carmichae

DURLACHER - Timothy

DYER - Lavinia Ann of

Espond died on 4th
January 1999 in Spain.
Dearly loved by Beatriz,
deughter Susan, and
grandchildren Sophie,
Jessica and James.

Emberton, died pescefully at Kelmarsh Nursing Home on January 1st, Wife of the late Rex sud much loved mother of Martin and Caroline, Private

and Caroline. Private
Cremation. A Service of
Thanksgiving to be held at
All Saints' Church,
Emberton on Wednesday
24th February at 12 noon.
Family flowers only but
domainon, if desired, to
Alzheimer's Research

abridge CD2 5LQ.

Trust, GJ Livano Cranhams Road

10 Beaumont Street, London WIN 2AA

graphic system, 1838.

HANDFORD - Michael Robert Mounteney, at home after a tragic accident. Cremation Fuenday 12th January at 4.15pm, Weeley Crematorium, Colchester Rosel, Weeley, Exerc. Pisses on flowers, but any douations for RNL1 of Ellison & Co. Selicitors, Kingsway, Dovercourt, Kingsway, Dovercourt, Essex CO12 3JU.

EVERS - Pamela (née Bush) aged 77 years. Pescafully at home on December 24th 1998. Beloved wife of John and mother of Disma and Carol and grandmother. Funeral Service at \$1. Mary's Church, Kenn Town Brighton, at 11.00am on Wedeesday 13th January 1999, followed by burial at Woodland Burial Ground Brighton. Family flowers only but donations if desired to the Brighton and Howe branch of the Alpheimer's Society c/o Teress Baker Caring Lady Funeral Director, 135 Lewes Road, Brighton, BN2 31.G. Tel: 01273 626336.

PRIM- Née Spickernell. On Janurary 2nd 1999, peacefully at home in Stalbridge, Derzet. Heather, aged 73 years, formerly of Stourton Caundie. A much loyed wife of Ren and sister of John Proport Service vs. C. wife of Ken and sister of John. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church. Stourton Caundle on Monday January 11th at 2.30m followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the British Lung Foundation e/o Peter Jackson Funeral Services. Mons. High Street. Henstridge, Somerset BAS ORB. Tel: 01963 382570.

FOWLER - Ursula Margaret (née Godwin) wife of Bernard, mother to Simon and Nicola and loving and Nicola and loving grandmum to Bert, Laurh, Jack and Elilot to January 4th. After a Jong Illness. Foneral at St. Andrew's Church Anapthill at 2pm on Thursday 14th Jenuary followed by private cremation. No flowers please but donations would be welcome to Addenbrookee Kidney Patients Association through A. L. & G. Abbont (Funeral Directors) 150 Bedford Road, Kempston, Bedford MK42 88H. FRIEND - Pog (Moon to her family) of Challont St. Peter, Buckinghamshire, died very paserfully on 3rd January. Widow of Don Friend and much loved mother of Martin, Jerseny and Rod. Family flowers only and donations to Amnesty International.

GOALEN - Gerard, Architect GOALEY - Gerard, Architect Peacerfully on 2nd January 1999. Widower of Maria de Lourdes, belowed lather of Martin and Paul, grandisther to Alexander, Timothy, Sarah and Helen, Requiem Mass, Friday &th January, 1.00pm at the Church of Our Lady, London Road, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

GRAHAM - Eilem Audrey inée Williams), aged 91 years, died pescafully on December 31st 1998. Mother of Jeannette Morgan-Davies, Helen Spice and Yvoune Russell Enquiries to A. B. Walker & Son Ltd., Tel. 0118 9573850

HARFISCH - Trapically on December 31st in Switzerland, John Francis of Basiow. We give thanks for his 63 years of life and all that he contributed to ours. Loved and loving husband of Catherine and dear father of James, Jonathan, Sally-Ann, Sara and Sally. Puneral service for family only, followed by private buris at home. A Manorial Service to calebrate his full and happy life will be held at All Seints 'Church. Ecclesall on Thursday March 4th at 11.00am. Donations in John's memory, payable to St. Luka's Hospice, may be sent to John Hessit and Sons, Funeral Directors, 4-16 Earsham Street, Sheffield S4 7LS.

difficial Annibed Campbell disc pencefully on Let Jenusry after a short illness. Themisgiving Service at St. Simon Zelotes, Milner Street, Chelme London SW3 on Monday 11th January at 12.30pm after a private cramation. No flowers plane but dynations to the MS Section. 26 JH Komon. 76 Society, c/o JH Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row London SWIP LIU.

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MORSFALL TURNER - Eileen (née Jeakins). On New Years day at the home of her family in Greenwich, peacefully in her sleep after a long illness. Beloved wile of the lete Harold Horsfall Turner C.B.E. and much howed mother, of Richard and Jonathan, grandmother and great-grandmother. Thanksgiving and cremation at Mortlake Crematerium at 3.30 pm on Friday 15th January, 1999. Family flowers unly. Donations if desired to Arthrith Research Campaign e/o Mrs R Goodden "Ferryside", Riverside, Twickenham, Twi 3DN.

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HURST - Berbara Jessie,
desighter of the late Sir
Cecil Hurst GCMC, KCB,
and the late Ledy Hurst,
pescafully on 4th January
1999 at Weslake House,
Horsbarn, aged 92. Funeral
at 5t Mary Magdalene's
Church, Rusper at 2.30 pm
on Tuesday 12th January
Family Howers only,
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Samaricans of Freeman
Brus, 9 North Parade,
Horsbarn RH12 2BP (01403
224590).

RURT - On 4th January 1999, huffi - On 4th Jacquary 1999, at Derby City Hospital. Cynthia, devoted wife of the late Michael of Casters Hall. Funeral Service at Ham Church near Ashbourne. Tuesday 12th January at 2pm. Flowers, or donations to the Blue Cross Sheiter for Animals c/o W. Jones & Son (Funeral Directors), Brailaford, Derby DE6 3DA.

HITCHSON - On January
4th, peacefully at the
Conquest Hospital,
Hastings, Dice. Widow of
David, Much loved by all
who knew her. Funeral
service at All Saints
Church, Idea, Nr Rye on
Tuesday Janusery 18th 1898
at 11.23 ann. followed by
cremation. Flowers or
donations, if preferred,
payable to The Cinnamon
Trust (Animal Trust) c/o J
Perigoe & Soo. The Duke.
Beckley, E. Sussex. - tel
01977 280358

mediam - Christopher (Rit), John on December 30th 1998 died suddenly and penefully at hones. Loving husband to Birgit, father to Kerstin and Nicholas and beloved grandfather to Tristan and Saska. A to Tristan and Seaks. A
Service of Rememberance
and Thankagiving is to be
held at the parish church
of St. Mary-without-theWalls, Handbridge.
Chester at 230 pm
Tuesday 12th Jamesry. No
flowers, donations to
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Dutter and Hallmark
Funeral Services, 80
Faulkner Street, Hoole,
Chester CH2 3BO. Tel
01244 210965.

KERNARD - Anthony Spencer L. Cdr DSC Royal spencer Lt Car Lot. Royal Navy as 4th Immary. Leved heshand of Lorna, father of Martin and Penelope. Thenkagiving Service at 2:30 pm Tuanday 12th January at St Thomas, Cocheistona, Blahope Lydeard.

Bank of England, died peacefully at home on 13th December, 1998. There will be a Wake to celebrate his be a Wake to celebrate his life and achievements at The Assembly Rooms, Gates Green Road, Conby Hall, West Wickham, Kent on Saturday 9th January Apm to Spm. Donations to St Christophers Hospice via Inmily.

KNBB - Trevor died pescefully at home, aged 78, on the 1st January 1999 after a brief illness. Will be sadly minsed by his loving wife Quita and his children Alestair, Richard and Deborah, and their limilies, Anna, Louise and Drucers and

Similies, Anna. Louisa and Duncut and grandchildred Robya, Freys, Charlie and Alexander. Thanksgiving Service to be held at St. Michael's Church, Chesice on the 15th January at 3.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Bank Farm Riding for Disabled. Any sequiries to H.C. Grimstead. Tel: 01753 391200.

LEMBN - Deborah (Debby) on December 31st, sped 68, suddemly in hospital, devoted wife of the late Dick Lewin, very much loved mother of Richard and Sarah and mother-in-law of Ana, dear Grandma Debby to Ratie and Cavoline and beloved usater of Lis. Funeral on Friday, January 8th, at St. Margaret's Church, Corsley, Wilst, at 2,00pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations to the National Osteoporosis Society and International Glaucome Association may be sent to W. Adlam may be sent to W. Adlam tray be sent to W. Adlam & Son, 68 Locks Hill, Frome, Somerset, BA11 INH (01373 452100).

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MATILASID - On December 27th peacefully at Beech Court Mursing Home Eynsham aged 37, Marry Mailand of Summertown. Oxford wife first of the lete John Weiter Rowinnes and secondly of the late Jeck Edward Matiland. Much leved mother, grandmother. Private cremation. Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 2.15 pm on Wednesday 13th Jenuary at the church of 51 Michaels and All Angels Locadele Koad. Summertown, Oxford. Please no flowers. Donations Howired to the Salvation Army 101.

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Robert, 10th Duke of Rutland CBE, DL, died January 2nd 1999 at Belvoir Castle, The func will be at St. Mary the Virgin. Bottesford on Will be at St. Mary the Virgin, Bettesford on Thursday, Elst James 11.00am. Tickets strict by application to the Estate Office (MEH), Belvoir Castle, Granth Lines, NG32 IPD. No Towers. Donations to

flowers. Donations to the Duke of Rutland Charitie A/C for distribution by the family. There will be a Memorial Service in London, to be announced later. (ARTH – William Harry MSc, F.Inst P. 63 years, at home on 31st December after a sudden illness.

McViTTIE - Joyca, Beloved mother of Anza and widow of Carl, Peacefully on Jennary Let 1999, good 88, after a long illness patiently borne. Puneral Service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Mondry January, 11th et 200e. January 11th at 2,00pm.
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WEADLEY - Laurence
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MEECH - Clarice Joan, died MEECN - Clarice loan, died pencefully January 3rd 1999, aged 88, Widow of Richard Barnard, very dear and much loved mother of Pennela. Rosaims and the lata Richard. Adored grandmother of Charles, Inliette, Richard. Cistre, Max, Johanna, Jemes, Cisudia, Sarah and Richard. Fond great-grandmother of Charles, Milland. Fond great-grandmother of Charles, Milland. Emily, Alexander, Lucy, Harry and George, Funeral Service at St. Laureine Church, Upwey on Saturday January 9th at 2.00pm. Flowers and enquiries to Gransby Funeral Service, 16 Princes Street, Dorchester Tel: (01305) 262338.

MDCON - peacefully after a fong illness on 31st December 1998 aged 73 years Ronald (Rounie) of Gosforth, Beloved brother Gosforth. Beloved hrother of Norman and Jaz, much loved uncle and great uncle of all the family. Will be sadly missed. Would triends please meet at Hocham Cametery for service and interment at 12 moon Priday 7th January 1989. Family Howers only, donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Research, Marie Curie Drive, Elsavick, Newcastle-topon-Tyne. at home on January 1st, 1999, aged 39 years. Funeral Service in the Chuch of St. Lawrence, Affipoddle on Thursday. January 7th, noon, Flowers or donations to RTR Benevolent Fund, may be went to Albert Marsh (Funeral Directors) Ltd., St. Michaelt Road, Wanning Donathy 1 3 H 3 ... Warehau, Dorset Bfi20 4QU, Tel: 01929 552107. 27

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PARKER - On 3rd Laurary suddenly at Safiram, Brigadler The Hou. Robin Parker, late The Royal Greenjecketa, aged 73. Funeral at the Parish Church. Plympton. St. Mary on Monday 11th January at 2.45pm followed by private cremation. Femily flowers only. Donations if desired to The Royal Greenjacket Charitable Fund.

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of the late Gerald Berkeley Portman, 8th Viscount, fourth daughter of the late Captain P.H. Franklin, beloved sister of the late May, Gladys and Thora (Clement) and of Rose-who survives her. Private cremation, Memorial Service at Portman Chapel, Bryanston, Blandlord on Frider 15th lanuary at 11.30 am. Further enquiries to Deric-Scott, Portman Lodge Frimeral Rome, Bunrament Home, Bunrament Home,

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **ROLF LIEBERMANN**

Rolf Liebermann, opera house director and composer, died in Paris on January 2 aged 88. He was born in Zurich on September 14, 1910.

small piece of transparent plastic sat on Rolf Liebermann's desk when he was director of the Paris Opera in the 1970s. One side had the announcement BOSS HEUREUX and the other BOSS PAS HEUREUX: boss happy, boss grumpy. Liebermann had been given the object as a joke but he kept it as a management tool, although that was scarcely necessary. He exuded authority, with his imposing frame, wide shoulders and patrician brow.

He had been brought in by the French Government in 1973 to save the Opéra, which was in as parlous a state as Covent Garden is now. Standards had fallen and much public derision was hurled at it. It had become a national and governmental embarrassment. If Liebermann had failed in his task, then it might have closed for ever.

He succeeded. Under him it became an international house once more. The glamour returned and so did contemporary opera. Perhaps the single most important event during Liebermann's seven-year reign there was the first performance of the three-act version of Alban Berg's Lulu, completed by Friedrich Cerha, conducted by Pierre Boulez and directed by Patrice Chéreau in 1979. The whole of musical Europe attended, together with a number of leading politicians who felt themselves up to handling Berg. The Cerha Lulu was soon to become standard the world over.

That night summed up many of Liebermann's personal crusades. For a great deal of his life he had championed the Viennese school, the city where he had learns much of his music. And his doors were always open to the new and experimental. He helped to create the stars of the future. Placido Domingo being a major beneficiary. but he tried in Paris to ensure that his audience was not fossilised in the past. Rolf Liebermann came, on his father's side, from a Jewish family of bankers. They emigrated from Berlin at the end of the last century to Switzerland, where his father became a prominent lawyer. Rolf was intended for the same profession, but soon gave it up in preference to music. The family had plenty of inclination in that direction and Einstein was among those who came to the house to join in chamber music evenings. The young Liebermann studied composition in Switzerland under Wladimir Vogel. while playing in a jazz band. He moved: to Vienna in the mid-1930s with ambitions to become a conductor.

There he worked with Hermann



Rolf Liebermann (left) with Igor Stravinsky in Hamburg, 1963

centre of the Viennese School, and his lifelong love for Berg and Schoenberg. began. But the Anschluss meant that Liebermann, with his Jewish parentage, had to return swiftly to his native Switzerland. There he decided to give up a potential career as a conductor and turned to composition instead. At this time he met another Jewish refugee, Georg Solti, and a friendship was formed that lasted until Solti's death in 1997.

After the end of the war Liebermann's career began to take its final shape, which was a split between composer and musical administrator. He took charge of music for the Swiss-German radio station in Zurich and became manager of the Beromun-

Scherchen and became the German ster Radio Orchestra. During this maestro's private secretary.

He was thrust straight away into the including Penelope (performed at Salzburg in 1954) and The School for Wives, which after a number of revisions became another Salzburg opera in 1957.

The mid-1950s also brought the piece by which he will probably be most remembered, Concerto for Jazz Band and Orchestra, a typical Liebermann fusion of two very different groups of instruments and a reflection of his double taste for classical music and the avant-garde. There was, too, some cacophony in Concert des echanges, commissioned by the city of Lausanne for its exhibition in 1964. Liebermann, inspired by the noises produced by the clattering typewriters and telexes in a busy offfice, scored it for 54 "industrial machines". Fortunately they did not

appear on the concert platform but were prerecorded.

Meanwhile his career as an admin-strator had taken off. In 1957 he went to the North German Radio as musical director and from there to the Hamburg State Opera, replacing Günther Rennert. He turned that distinctly staid house into a Mecca for devotees of contemporary opera. During his time there, from 1939 to 1972, he commissioned two dozen new works, which included Hans Werner Henze's Der Prinz von Homburg and Penderecki's The Devils of Loudun, He championed other 20th-century composers, such as Igor Stravinsky and Ernst Krenek, and he encouraged a new generation of singers, bringing to Hamburg early in their careers such men as Placido Domingo, Kurt Moll and Hans Sotin,

Liebermann's success in Hamburg made him a natural choice to haul the Paris Opera out of the quagmire. He turned to his old friend from the war years, Georg Solti. for help, Solti came to conduct a glittery Marriage of Figaro, directed by Giorgio Strehler. Placido Domingo arrived to sing Manrico in Il trovatore which amazingly had never previously been per-formed at the Palais Garnier. The international touch had returned to a house which had spent too much time contemplating its own navel.

Lulu apart, Liebermann's greatest Paris coup was to persuade Olivier Messiaen, no lover of opera houses, to write Saint François d'Assise for the Palais Garnier. He was also a considerable influence on the career of the director Patrice Chereau.

When he retired from the Paris Opéra in 1980 at the age of 70 Liebermann felt free to take up composition again (though he was to return to Hamburg for three more seasons as general manager in 1985). His responsi-bilities as an opera house director had given him no time for this part of his life, and in any case he was always scrumulous about not using his administrative power to promote his own work. He wrote the opera La Foret, based

on the Ostrovsky play, for Geneva, where it was premiered in 1987. This was commissioned by the director of the Geneva Opera, Hugues Gall, who had worked closely with him during his seven years in Paris. Gail was a pupil who learnt much from Liebermann and it was no surprise that he was called from Geneva to Paris three years ago to solve yet another crisis at the Opera. He, too, has succeeded, and the Bastille will present Liebermann's final stage work, based on the Medea story, in 2002.

Rolf Liebermann was twice married. He is survived by his second wife, Hélène Vida, a television journalist whom he met when she interviewed him, and by the son of his first marriage.

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The son of Thomas Long

Plume, a Cherokee Indian.

and Frances Salpet, a Cree Indian, Cody came to perform-

ing as a child. His father

toured in Wild West shows

and circuses, putting his son with him in his act on many

His first film appearance

God's Country. It was a role

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#### HIS HONOUR MICHAEL ARGYLE

His Honour Major Michael Argyle, QC, MC, a circuit judge from 1970 to 1988, died on January 4 aged 83. He was born on August 31, 1915.

FOR ALL the colourful contro-

versy that frequently surrounded him, Michael Argyle was at heart a plain man's judge. He said what he thought, even if it did sometimes attract accusations of prejudice and once earned him a reprimand from the then Lord Chancellor, Lord Havers, Judges are frequently criticised for being remote from everyday life, Michael Argyle was all too often heavily involved in it, remembered by staff at the Central Criminal Court for his daily patronage of the bookmaker's shop outside the court and for his insistence on always having a television set in his robing room in order to keep abreast of sports, especially those on which money was riding. He owned and bred racehorses, was a chess and amateur boxing fan and a breeder of whippets. However, he never learnt one crucial lesson of the ring and was always ready to lead with his chin. He was a gift to newspapers

which loved to reprint the remarks for which he became famous. He freed one woman, saying: "You have caught me on a good day because I became a grandfather this morning." He told a black defendant accused of assault: "Get out and go back to Jamaica." A sex attacker was told: "You come from Derby, which is my part of the country. Now off you go. And don't come before my court again." Any real consistency would be difficult to find in his sentencing, except that he did what was within his power to deter crime. He observed in 1987: "Quite simply law and order do not exist in this country at present."

Educated at Shardlow Hall, Derbyshire, Westminster School and Trinity College. Cambridge, he served in the Second World War in India, the Middle East and Italy with the 7th Queen's Own Hussars. He won an immediate Military Cross for organising a

tank crossing of the Po. He had been called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn, in 1938, becoming a bencher in 1967 and treasurer in 1984. He resumed his practice in 1947 on the Midland Circuit. He first came to public attention when he defended Ronald Biggs in the Great Train Robbery trial. but in a spontaneous gesture of generosity he later sent a cheque to the Driver Jack Mills appeal fund. He was later still to put up a personal reward of £100 for information leading to the arrest of muggers who attacked a wom-

an usher at the Central Crimi-

nal Court

Argyle became Recorder of Northampton from 1962 to 1965 and then of Birmingham from 1965 to 1970. He was never afraid to admit that he needed more knowledge and went to night school, run by Loughborough University, to learn more about penology. Later he attended a 15-shilling course on drug addiction. He was all for spreading knowledge around and launched an experiment in citizenship with teenagers sitting beside him. though they took no part in cases. He was ahead of his time in wanting a proper place for victims in the criminal justice system, calling in 1965 for reports on them before

Some of his views were what one would expect from a former Conservative candidate, who stood unsuccessfully in Belper in 1950 and in Loughborough in 1955. He put into practice his belief that tougher sentencing could de-

passing sentence.

ter crime. As a result of his offensive in Birmingham against telephone vandals, jailing them for up to three years. he claimed a virtual cessation of offences involving kiosks and the restoration of effectively a 100 per cent call-box service in the city. He then threatened life imprisonment for burglars. The Court of Criminal Appeal was said to have called for a transcript of his remarks. However, in the next fortnight reported crime in Birmingham was stated to have fallen by 40 per cent.

Appointed an occasional judge of the Central Criminal Court in 1970, he relinquished his recordership of Birmingham, and found himself in the headlines over the Oz trial. He imposed prison sentences, subsequently quashed, on the three editors of the magazine in 1971. Police guarded his home after an anonymous homb threat. The New Law Journal said the sentences on the three editors were "indefensibly severe".

Yet it was impossible to pigeonhole him: he was too mayerick to be regarded as a safe member of the Establishment. He won a reputation for trying to find work for unemployed defendants and earned himself the title of "the job-

hunters' judge". He tangled with the Establishment once too often, though, when he made a speech to law students in Nottingham which he evidently thought would not be reported. He said judges should be empowered to impose death sentences in cases carrying penalties of more than 15 years, and suggested that there were more than five million illegal immigrants in Britain. Lord Havers, the Lord Chancellor, severely reprimanded him in July 1987 and in October Argyle announced that he would retire the following July.

He was proud of his mem-

bership of the Carlton, Cavairy and Guards, and Kennel Clubs. He was Master of the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards from 1984 to 1985.

His wife, Ann, predeceased him; he is survived by their three daughters.

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#### PERSONAL COLUMN

DEATHS SCOTCHMER - Ells died peacefully in hospital on 31st Deloember 1998. Cremation at Mortlake Crematorium at 2.30pm on Thursday, 14th January 1899. STELE-SMITH - On
December 29th in hospital
aged 79 years Hugh
Frederick of Illiday, Dearly
loved husband of the late
Margaret. The funeral
servics will take place at
the Priory Church of St
Mary and St Cothbert,
Bolton Abbey on Thursday
January 14th at 11.30 am,
followed by cremation at
Skipton Crematorium.
Family flowers only,
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Ardenies Marte Curie
Cantre, Queens Drive,
Ilkley, West Yorkshire. STEWART - Alison M C (Sai)
née Wilson of Cariton,
Suffoik. Pescefully on
December 30th 1988 aged
88 years. Widow of Brig.
G.W.F. Stewart O.B.E.
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Mark. Susie, Sarah and
Katy. Finneral Service at
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Brooms Funeral Service,
Saxmundham IP17 1DJ.

STERLING - Hilds Irene aged 84 Darling mother of Hilsry and Hugh and beloved grandma of Charlotte, Alexis and Francis. Died peacefully on 1st January 1989 in Greenwich after a short liness. Service on Therselog 14th Innuary iliness. Service on Thursday 14th January 1999 at 2.15pm at Eltham Crematorium, Crown Way, Eitham, London SES, No Rowars but, if desired, donations to King George's Fund for Sailors, 6, Hatherisy Street, London SWIP 27Y.

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Melanie, stepfather of
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STYLIAMOU - Judith: wife of Andress, mother of Christopher and daughter of Lt. General Sir Charles and Lady Dobell on 31st December at Pathos, Cyprus. Funeral at Anglican Church, Pathos on 7th January at 2.30 pm.

SYMONDS - Joan Margaret.
(Inde Beste), died.
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TEMPLE RICHARDS - Leafric Douglas, aged 76, peacefully of Laukaemis on 4th January. Our most beloved Lee, husband of Geraldine, father of Juliet and Charles, Julians and Alectobe brother of Mervyn. Mary, and the late Peter. Family Funecal, Thanksgiving Service to be announced. A loving and happy man.

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WEAR - Rev. Michael John. WEAR - New Machael form on 31st December passed nway peacefully, aged 89 at Nazareth House. Fumeral Service at the London Oratory Knightsbridge, Tridentine Mass at 11 o'clock on Friday 8th January.

WHEEER - On January 3rd, peacefully in Haliwell Nursing Home. Tumbridge Wells, Harold Tidbury (Spider) aged 87. Deathy loved husband of Peggy, father of Sunan and the late Justin, and grandiather. Pumeral Service at the Tumbridge Wells Cemetery Chapel on Tuesday January 12th at 12.30pm. Donations to D. G. A. A. Homellia, may be sent c/o E.R. Helmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tumbridge Wells TRI ISD

wantenton - Kaye died peacefully on New Year's Eve aged 83, Devoted with of the late Ralph Winterton, much loved mother of Ann. Diana, William and Richard, grandmother of William, Edward, Polityanna, Alicia and Luke, great and Luke, great

OVERSEAS TRAVEL WOODMARSEY - John suddenly bu January Istat. Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. Belowed bushaud and father of Patricia, Nicholas and Mark and dear brother of Pat. Funeral Friday, January 8th at 12.45 pm. Emmanual Church, Plymouth. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the ENLL. ORIUGAL & Conscissi AN Scane, Wilher/spin, hobsis, shanor hous-is, possesius, golf hels. Fights. Longmen Fet. 0181 654 2151 ABTA E1431, AYU: 3938. UK HOLIDAYS persona (Prophilipson, New) refurb serviced system. Tel: 018: 461 3094 Pag 0181 459 4422.

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Cody was simply billed as "Indian" or "Indian Chief". denied the satisfaction of seeing his Native American name on screen. This was evidence 01920 484007 of the fledgeling industry's disregard for native peoples, which Cody spent a lifetime seeking to change.
As an actor, technical adviser on Indian culture and an JETLINE environmental activist, Cody was the first Native American to use the big and small

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#### IRON EYES CODY



Cody in 1982: he created a fine private Indian collection

that he was to follow up with more than a hundred appearances in Westerns, including many which featured John Wayne, Gary Cooper and Errol Flynn.

Cody remained in Los Angeles, and built a successful career playing Indian characters, including starring roles in Sitting Bull (1954). The Great Sioux Massacre (1965)

tear, later revealed to be glycerine, while staring out at an environment ruined by pollution. (Cody admitted later that he had originally resisted doing the commercial herause he maintained that Indians don't cry.)
During the 1950s, in addition to his acting roles. Cody hegan working as a technical

adviser on Indian matters to both television and film directors. He also supplemented his film work with television guest appearances, including stints on Bonanza, Gunsmoke and Rawhide.
Outside the film industry

Cody lectured extensively on Indian culture and created the Moosehead Museum in the basement of his home. This is now considered to be one of the best private Indian collections anywhere in the United States.

Cody met with controversy only once, at the end of his life. In 1996 the New Orleans Times Picayune questioned the authenticity of his Native American origins. The paper said that, after interviewing his half-sister and examining baptismal records, it believed that he might be of Italian descent. Cody vigorously denied this slur.

His wife, Bertha Parker Cody, died in 1978. He is survived by one son.

#### KIDNAPPING OF THE TIMES

CORRESPONDENT From Our Special Correspondent

DUBLIN, Jan 5. I have to inform you that my colleague, Mr A.B. Kay, who has been assisting me as Special Correspondent of The Times in Ireland, was kidnapped yesterday in Dublin by armed men and taken in a motor-car to a destination then unknown...

The outrage seems to have been the work of irresponsible persons opposed to the Treaty, and the heads of the IRA in the country have taken every step within their power during the last 24 hours to find Mr Kay and to bring about his immediate and unconditional release. Wherever responsibility lies, the incident has aroused the greatest indignation among the large body of journalists at present in Dublin and among at least a large section of members of Dail Eireann.

I was myself a witness, under duress, of Mr. Kay's removal. Pressure of work in describing

the proceedings of Dail Eiream gives journalists little leisure in which to snatch a meal during the luncheon adjournment, and a number of the Press correspondents have on

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Immediate and persistent efforts were made by Michael Collins and the IRA Chief to secure A. B. Kay's release and he was freed in 24 hours, having been taken by armed men to Cork. The cause of the kidnapping was an article written by Kay.

various occasions visited a shop in Upper Leeson-street, within a hundred yards of University College, to get what refreshment they could.

Yesterday afternoon six of us, five representing London daily newspapers and one a Scottish paper, went to this shop shortly after half-past 2. As there were people in the shop we were asked to go into another room. A few minutes later we heard some person outside try one of the doors and apparently turn the key in the lock. Three men then entered

through the main door. They mixed with us. and one of the party suddenly produced a repeating pistol of large calibre, and after asking if we know what this was for, said:-"Is Mr Kay here?"

The other two men drew weapons of the same nattern and, noticing that one of the correspondents had a hand in his pocket, sharply ordered him to remove it.

Mr Kay said: "I am Kay," and the man who appeared to be the leader of the raiders covered him with his gun, while the other men covered the remainder of the party. Little time was wasted.

The leader, speaking swiftly and intensely to Mr Kay, said: "There is a car outside and you understand you have to come into it. If you don't. by Christ, we will riddle you." As he spoke he shook his pistol in Mr Kay's face. The rest of us were warned at the same time that if one tried to give the alarm we should be

Mr Kay said that he was prepared to obey the orders given him, and was then told that if he had any "copy" for his newspaper he could give it to the other correspondent. He handed over some manuscript and was then taken from the room. Before going out the leader said that no harm would come to Mr Kay and that he would probably be back last night ...

### THE TIMES TODAY

#### Saddam tries to lure jets into trap

American fighter aircraft attacked Iraqi planes in the air for the first time for six years yesterday as Saddam Hussein stepped up his campaign of provocation.

Six air-to-air missiles were fired at warplanes in the southern no-fly zone, which was being patrolled by F14 Navy jets and F15 fighters. Iraqi MiG and Mirage warplanes committed eight separate violations with between 13 and 15 planes ...... Page 1

#### 'Backdoor euthanasia' investigated

The deaths of at least 50 hospital patients around Britain are being investigated by police and health officials amid allegations of a creeping tide of backdoor euthanasia. Seven separate inquiries are looking into claims that doctors have withheld intravenous drips from dehydrated patients, often while they were under sedation, and left them to die from thirst ...... Pages 1, 9

#### Yemen inquiry halted Two Scotland Yard detectives were told last night to leave Aden on the first available flight after suddenly being refused permission to interview the leader of the gang that abducted 16 Western

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#### King of the slopes

Prince Harry gave a powerful boost to the latest craze of snowblading when he executed a small but perfect ski jump in front of the world's media, and landed on his feet unaided by poles ...... Page I

#### Church takes to Che

The image of the communist revolutionary Che Guevara is being used by Britain's churches to represent Jesus Christ in an Easter advertising campaign. The Church of England and the Roman Catholic Church have distanced themselves from the cam-.... Page 3

#### Dome Minister's vow Lord Falconer of Thoroton promised to "crack the whip" to get the Millennium Dome ready in time as he visited the site in southeast London for the first time. Page 4

#### Hospital condemned

Two senior doctors were cleared of the manslaughter of a 12-yearold cancer victim as an Old Bailey judge condemned Great Ormond Street Hospital for a "chapter of accidents and misunderstand-

#### Management macho

Women who succeed as managers do well not because of their feminine characteristics, such as sensitivity and warmth, but because of their ability to adopt an aggressive personality, according to new research.....

#### Village green saved

Villagers have plucked a medieval green from the clutches of developers after their campaign raised the £350,000 needed to buy

#### Lottery land plan

Lottery money is to be used instead of public cash to bankroll a fund aimed at helping communities buy Scottish estates from their lairds. The reforms will give the Government powers to evict absent landowners,...

#### Euro 'high horse'

Britain should get off its 'high horse" and join the euro, according to the German press, echoing the confidence of the Bonn Government that the Blair Administration will sign up for the single European currency sooner rather

#### Sierra Leone funds

Britain announced that it was giving an extra £1 million to support the Nigerian-led forces fighting the rebels in Sierra Leone. The money will pay for communications and logistical back-up. but ... Page 5 not for arms ....

#### Polo is the mint with the soggy vole

In the Avrshire seaside town of Largs, hit by severe flooding in this week's storms, one famous sweet will be forever known as the "mint with the vole". The new epithet is down to the ingenuity of a local petshop manager who used plastic Super Polo Mint containers to construct makeshift lifejackets for hamsters and uinea pigs trapped in his shop by floods



Tim Smith and Justin Shepherd, from Westerville, Ohio, relax in their igloo after America's cold snap forced the cancellation of school

#### BUSINESS

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Markets: The FTSE 100 index rose 78.80 points to 5958.2. The pound fell 0.44 cents to \$1.6555 but rose 0.10p against the euro to 71.19p. The sterling index fell to 98.7....Page 24 | duce something as good....Page 34

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#### Cinema 1: One theme will dominate the big screen in the coming year - millennial angst. And the end of the world as we know it appears to be nigh .....

Cinema 2: After years of being consigned to dingy, cramped venues, arthouse filmgoers are suddenly being wooed by the big cinema players with soft reclining seats, sushi and champagne ....

Swing time: Stand by your zoot suits, the big bands are back along with the jitterbug and the lindy hop - and the Forties sound has never seemed hotter\_

French fanfare: It is the centenary of the birth of the French composer Francis Poulenc, and it's just as well that the British are celebrating it. The French aren't ...... Page 30

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Preview: Hale and Pace try their hand at sports commentary. Jobs for the Boys (BBC1, 10.15pm) Beview: Joe Joseph on Rick Stein's culinary tour of Naples ... Pages 50. 51

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Creatures of euroland Never in history has a multinational currency union succeeded. The EU has embarked on this unprecedentedly risky experiment with only a shallow. largely passive consensus. The consequences could be explosive. And it is because the politicians know this that, in their desperation for faster growth, they have already set a collision course against Central Bank ....... Page 17.

#### A Scottish landslide

Mr Dewar may hope to seduce a Scottish electorate with his proposals for land reform. But in playing to a nationalist grandstand, he risks pointlessly exacerbating divisions between land owners and ten-

#### Relative trust

Doctors are considered by some to ( be admitting "backdoor" cuthanasia when they sedate their patients while, at the same time, depriving them of food and water. This indicates a lack of regulation which must be addressed...

#### GILES COREN

This is what the supplements should be giving us - not lists of those who are dead, but those who struggle on.....

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This will be Berlin's year. A new German Government is moving to an old German capital. But what sort of Government, and what sort ....Page 16

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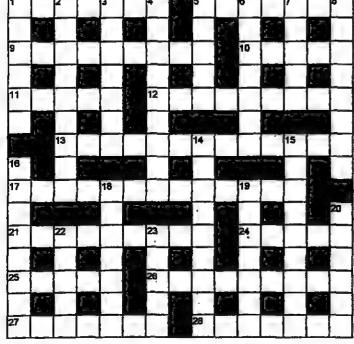
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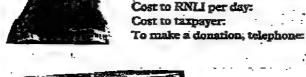


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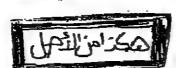
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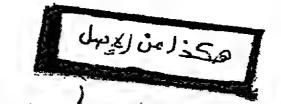


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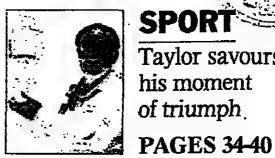


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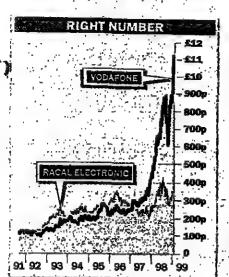
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Britain's biggest mobile phone group seeks £60bn American merger

### Vodafone on line to AirTouch



By Chris Ayres

VODAFONE, Britain's largest mobile phone group, has proposed a £60 billion-plus merger with AirTouch, its US rival. The talks were revealed yesterday, hours before AirTouch was set to finalise a similar deal with Bell Atlantic, the US fixed-line and mobile telephone company. It is thought that both Vodafone and Bell value AirTouch

at about \$45 billion (E27 billion).

Vodalone, which has nearly five million British customers, has long been rumoured to be interested in buying, or merging with. Air Touch, which is based in San Francisco. Both companies are focused mainly on mobile phone markets, and have complementary, rather than competitive. European oper-ations. Air Touch has stakes in mobile phone companies in Germany, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Belgium.

ny did not plan to sell off Air Touch's North

SHARES in Colt Telecom, the star performer on the London Stock Exhange, surged 8.8 per cent as speculation mounted that NTL, the Nasdaq-listed cable TV group, was about to launch a E7 billion bid. NTL, which recently agreed a £160 million deal to buy Newcastle United, declined to comment on the speculation. However, it admitted that it was interest-

American business, in spite of its traditional lack of interest in the US market. "There are long memories in some places," one insider said. "We weren't interested in the early days, but the world is soon going to move to UMTS [the Universal Mobile Telecommunications System], and our attitude has changed." Chris Gent, chief executive of Vodatone, is

likely to head the merged group if the deal proceeds, chosen ahead of Sam Ginn, Air-Touch's chairman. It is understood, howed in the possibilities thrown up by Colt's de-velopment of fibre optic cable networks around Europe's financial centres. Colt said it was not in takeover talks. Yesterday's share surge, coming on the back of a 500 per cent rise in 1998, values Colt at £6.1 billion. It has pever made a profit and its turnover for 1998 is unlikely to exceed £220 million.

not yet been seriously discussed. Vodafone sources also emphasised that the deal would be "a merger of equals" and was likely to involve an American-style stock-for-stock transaction. The deal would create the world's first truly global mobile phone com-pany, with Vodaione keeping its London listing. The two companies have about 22 mil-lion customers between them. Vodafone's brief statement to the Stock Ex-

change yesterday said: "Following recent press comment, Vodasone confirms that it

has made an approach to AirTouch regarding a possible merger. There can be no assurance that any agreement can or will be

Shares in Vodafone, which was demerged from Racal, the electronics group, in 1991, raced ahead 61%p yesterday to close at £11.10%p, leaving it valued at £34.3 billion.

Although many analysis consider a merger between Vodafone and AirTouch to be a "dream deal", it could still fall apart if Bell makes a higher offer. But the Bell deal had al-

ready been stalled over fears that goodwill charges after a merger would hit profits.
Yesterday's merger frenzy came only a
day after figures showed that 2.5 million
British consumers bought mobile phones in the three months running up to Christmas. Some analysts now estimate that 40 per cent of Britons will own a mobile phone by 2000, about double the proportion today.

### B&B pulls plug on pursuit of windfalls

BY CAROLINE MERRELL

vestors at lunchtime as queues

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tion to the society's annual meeting in April proposing that the board take steps to convert the society to a pic and distribute shares to members. Mr Major, from County Antrini, is also seeking election to the board.

Lindsay Mackinlay and Christopher Rodrigues, the society's chairman and chief executive respectively, were confident yesterday that they would be able to defeat the resolution, noming out that its

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to shut its doors to potential inof new savings accounts. e face of fears that it was set snaked out into the street. Stephen Major, a chartered surveyer currently working as a plumber, bas put forward a mo-

lative account openings from so-called carpetbaggers keen to benefit from any cash or Bid fever

> industry BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL

grips car

CORRESPONDENT BID fever shook up Europe-

an motor industry stocks yesterday on repeated rumours that Ford is attempting a three-way link with BMW and Honda and on speculation that Fiat, Volvo and Renault may join in the consolidation in the sector.

With industry gossip go-ing into overdrive during the Detroit Motor Show, shares of BMW jumped by more than 5 per cent in early trad-ing before falling back later when both BMW and Honda denied the existence of talks. Ford refused to confirm or deny the speculation. BMW shares closed 1.2 per cent higher at 6699:

Analysts believe that while the link of Ford, Honda and BMW would be the dream company as the industry is poised for consolidation, it could remain just a dream. Although a takeover by Ford has been touted, industry experts believe that merger agreements are more likely.

Ford has a market valua-

tion of \$72 billion (£44 billion)

with about \$22 billion in cash while Honda is worth \$65 billion and BMW \$23 billion. Both potential target companies could be expected to at-tract bid premiums as they are regarded by many analysts as the best in their countries. With rumours of a tieup with Nissan resurfacing. Renault shares closed up L46 per cent in Paris at 642.50.



Back to work: Gordon Brown, centre, with his new team at the Treasury. Clockwise, from left, are Barbara Roche, Financial Secretary: Patricia Hewitt, Economic Secretary; Dawn Primarolo, Paymaster General; Alan Milburn, Chief Secretary to the Treasury; and Lord Simon of Highbury, Trade and Competitiveness Minister

#### Soros ready to keep fund open

GEORGE SOROS, the international financier, has backtracked on his decision to close the Quantum Emerging Growth Fund after finding suitable managers for the investments (Richard Miles writes).

Edgar Astaire, of Edgar Astaire & Co. a leading Lonthan doubled from 250 to 600 over the same period. don broker of shares in Soros Mr Rodrigues said the socie-ty would have to spend about 65 million on mailing its 2.5 funds, said Mr Soros had reversed a decision in October to wind up the \$1.5 billion (£906 million) fund which hedges against movements in million members, and on taking advertisements in the press to explain the board's position. emerging markets.

Mr Astaire also confirmed

"We do not see the need to float. It would impair our com-petitive position. We would have to pay dividends to sharethat Nick Roditi, reportedly the UK's highest paid execu-tive and one of the best known holders and more tax." Mr Mackinlay said that he hedge managers, is returning after a three-month absence hoped that the society would be able to re-open for savers af-ter the AGM. due to ill bealth to manage the \$1.7 billion Quota fund. It is closing to new investors in an Commentary, page 23

### Shares rise to highest level for five months

LONDON shares jumped to their highest level for five months, fuelled by gains in telecoms and drugs issues, a firmer performance on Wall Street and hopes of more UK interest rate cuts. The FTSE 100 index of leading shares closed 78.8 points higher at

> Trading on European stock markets was far more subdued than during Monday's euro birthday rally as traders and in-vestors turned cautious ahead of today when the first euro trades are settled. Paris shares closed up a further 1.28 per cent but Frankfurt's DAX index fin-

ished 0.5 per cent lower. After two days of fairly smooth trading in the euro, City institutions will today face the critical test of their

By Janet Bush and Richard Miles when deals conducted earlier Japanese currency, the dollar

in the week are settled.
The first transactions expected to be settled are spot traites in the euro, followed by transactions in other markets later this week and next. Bankers said the day's events would prove whether their conversion work over the weekend had been adequate.

Last Friday David Clemen-ti, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, gave warning that London-based investment banks could face significant losses through computer linked to the introduction of the euro. There have, however, been few problems reported to

The euro was upstaged by a resurgent yen yesterday and

and the pound. The yen hit its highest level against the dollar for 19 months.

Hopes of a UK base rate cut tomorrow when the Monetary Policy Committee concludes its two-day meeting are not high. A Reuters poll of 26 economists found 19 expecting no change in rates this month but 20 predicting that rates will be cut in February.

The Chancellor, who returned to work at the Treasury terial team, faced a call from the Engineering Employers Federation to use the next Budget to help industry to and technology through the

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### Travelex chiefs claim the last laugh

By RICHARD MILES

gotiated exclusive agreements

Undeterred by a projected two thirds decline in demand for foreign exchange. Clive the world's biggest operators Kahn, finance director of Travelex, believes that the firm can continue to grow by mopping up any loose change business

the aisles yesterday... Less than 48 hours after the discarded by high street banks etiro's birth and the disappearin the wake of the euro. ance of 11 mainland curren-Mr Kahn said. The high ties, the directors of Travelex. street market for foreign exhave taken control of their change is expected to reduce company by buying out the inby 65 per cent following the euro's introduction. Banks stitutional investors, Abbey National and Investec, the will turn their backs on the South African banking group.

while we have captured the main distribution points for the business — airports." Travelex has more than 300 exchange outlets across the globe, although less than 25 per cent of those are located in "euroland". It has already ne-

to operate at Charles de Gaulle and at Orly, the two airports serving Paris. . 3i, the UK's biggest venture capitalist firm, is backing the management buyout, albusiness as unprofitable, though it refuses to disclose pose of its third stake.

how much money it has pumped into Travelex in return for a 33 per cent stake. 3i said it would take a five to seven-year view on its investment in Travelex.

Like most bureaux de change. Travelex operates on thin profit margins. It forecasts a turnover of £2.1 billion for 1999, with corresponding pre-tax profits of merely £7 million. Abbey National triggered the management buyout by indicating that it wanted to dis-

executive, said the company had spent a lot of time looking at the impact of the euro on Travelex's business before deciding to press ahead with its financing. What Travelex have done is to target the key entry and exit points on the European continent. Their view, and our view, is that its distribution outlets and range of agreements put Travelex in a good position to be one of the key providers of foreign ex-

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Gina Hunt, a 3i investment

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#### Abbot looks into

Norwegian link ABBOT GROUP. Britain's largest North Sea drilling company, is in merger talks with ProSafe, its Norwegian counterpart, aimed at creating a European rival to the powerful US oil services groups.

Shares of Abbot Group jumped 9 per cent to 1951/p on news of the talks, which envisage a 50/50 merger of the two groups to create a £500 mil-lion company listed in Lon-don. ProSafe gained almost 60 per cent on the Oslo stock exchange in the belief that it would secure the better half of the bargain. Abbot owns KCA Drilling, the largest drilling contractor in the North Sea.

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### Campaign targets victims of mis-selling

A EIO MILLION advertising campaign paid for by the insurance indus-try and intended to target an estimattry and intended to target an estimated 1.8 million victims of the pensions mis-selling scandal began yesterday.

As it launched the campaign the Figure 1.55 A. the

nancial Services Authority (FSA), the City watchdog, said people who had been badly advised could be owed as much as £4,000 each.

Life companies will now begin dis-tributing information packs to up to three million people inviting them

The campaign, paid for by a £00 million levy on the life insurance industry, is being run on television and radio and in newspaper

Both life insurers and independent financial advisers (IFAs) who sold the plans in the 1980s and 1990s will have to bear the cost of compensating victims. Estimates of the final bill are between Ell billion and E22 billion.

The IFA Association, which represents advisers, said last night it hoped the advertising campaign

pectations amongst the public". Garry Heath, chief executive, said: We do not wish people to believe this is some form of new lottery, a substitute for the Readers' Digest draw or a new

phase of the review did not receive redress because they did not deserve it." The new advertisements, which will run until April, urge consumers to take action if they feel they may have been mis-sold a personal pen-sion between 1988 and 1994. They in-

version of Become a millionaire. The majority of people contacted for the first

clude the slogans: "R.U.Owed?" and "Mis-sold a pension? They O.U.". Ron Devlin, director of the pen-sions review for the FSA, said: "Many

younger people are unaware that they may have been affected by personal pensions mis-selling. People should look out for the advertisments and if they receive the R.U.Owed? envelope, they should read the contents carefully and take the necessary action if

they would like their case reviewed." The first phase of the pensions review, which ended on December 31, was targeted at customers who were tired. At the end of November, 388,000 people had been offered redress of £2 billion out of a total of 680,000 cases. They will not receive cash, but may be reinstated in their

employers' schemes.
Phase II is aimed at people who were 35 or younger when they were

sold a pension.

Pension mis-selling occurred when people who would have been better off in their employers' pension scheme were advised either to leave or not to join those schemes

#### Executive pay gap gets narrower

CHIEF EXECUTIVES saw their salary and bonus packages increase by an average of 9.2 per cent last year — but they were left to stare in envy at the 13.5 per cent raise en-joyed by less senior colleagues. The figures are part of a sur-vey by Watson Wyan, the actuarial consultant, which said there was evidence that the gap in pay between chief execu-tives and other directors is falling. Roger Down, of Watson Wyatt, said: "Board director base salary increases are ahead of last year, reflecting continuing demand for highquality executives."

The survey also found that the average notice period required halved last year from 24 months to only 12 months, reflecting the recent changes to corporate governance guidelines in the UK, including the Hampel report, which was published in 1998. The average notice period stood at 36 months in 1994. The survey also found that the predicted demise of long-term incentive plans based on total shareholder return is not materialising. The report looked at the boards of 57 companies, including 25 taken from the

#### P&U £1bn stake sale

THE Swedish Government will gain more than El billion from the sale of its remaining stake in Pharmacia & Upjohn. from the sale of its remaining stake in Pharmacia & Upjohn, the drugs combine formed by the merger of Sweden's Pharmacia and America's Upjohn in 1995. Sweden is profiting from the sharp rise in P&U shares last year and plans to unload its 7 per cent interest by the end of the month. The sale will remove the last vestige of Swedish influence over the company, which was wracked by management rivalry and high-profile resignations after the merger.

#### Dutch sale by Meyer

MEYER INTERNATIONAL, the Jewson and Harcros builder's merchant and timber group, is to take a £13 million loss on the £56 million cash sale of its Dutch import and merchant business. Meyer is selling the business to William Pont, the Dutch group. Alan Petersen, chief executive, said the sale was "in line with our strategy to withdraw from the bulk wholesaling of softwood and panel products". The company said it was holding on to its Dutch tiles, kitchens and bathrooms business, which has been renamed Van de Venne van der Sluis.

#### Precoat prediction

PRECOAT INTERNATIONAL, a processor and distributor of precoated steel in the UK and Canada, said it expected progress in its full year, in spite of an unhelpful economic and market situation. In its half year to October 31, pre-tax profits were little changed at £1.96 million (£1.94 million) on turnover 15 per cent up to £32.6 million. Earnings per share were 8.65p (8.87p). The interim dividend remains 2.60p. (an Williams, chairman, said Precoat was looking at acquisitions and was also confident about medium-term organic growth prospects.

#### WBB in German deal

WATTS BLAKE BEARNE (WBB), the claymining company, has bought Fuchs'sche Tongruben, the quarries, plant and mineral reserves business of Villeroy & Boch in Germany, for DM32.5 million (£11.6 million). The purchased assets include 13 million tonnes of raw material reserves. The Fuchs quarries generated revenue of DMII million in 1998 and WBB said it expects DMI4 million this year. WBB has secured a long-term supply contract from the vendor. WBB bought Berggarten and Unnerwald in Germany in December 1997.

#### Burndene advances

BURNDENE INVESTMENTS, the manufacturer of caravans and ladies hosiery and operator of holiday parks, saw its shares soar 25 per cent after it announced improved fullyear results and an encouraging start to the new financial year. The company's shares closed up 7p to 354p after it reported pre-tax profit for the year to October 3 of £8.3 million. from £6 million last time. Turnover was £101.8 million (£91.3 million) and earnings per share were 6.05p (4.05p). The final dividend of 1.70p (1.30p) brings the total to 2.50p (2.05p).

#### Hanson for Malaysia

HANSON, the building materials group, has entered the Malaysian aggregates market by buying the Tanah Raya Group for 100 million ringgit (£16 million). Tanah owns four aggregate quarries in southern Malaysia. Andrew Dougal, chief executive, said that Hanson was looking for a wider geographic exposure beyond Britain and the US; which account for more than 90 per cent of group trading profit. He said: "Although conditions in the region are weak, infrastructure programmes in Malaysia and Singapore clearly hold promise."

#### Diploma shares hit

A TRIPLE trading whammy across the operating divisions of Diploma saw shares in the industrial group crash 28 per cent yesterday. Diploma said trading in its three divisions in the first quarter of its financial year - the last three months of 1998 — "continued to decline in worsening market conditions". It said competition in the electronics market was intense and a relative decline in housing starts affected its building products operations, while its oil industry specialist steel business was hit by the falling crude price. The shares fell 46p to 1174p.

#### Dresdner shifts stakes

DRESDNER BANK, Germany's third-largest banking group, is to split off \$15 billion (£9 billion) of its investment portfolio by moving its large shareholdings in big German companies, such as BMW, the carmaker, into separate units. The bank, which trades in London as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said it is spinning off its stakes in BMW, understood to be about 5 per cent, as well as its 10 per cent shareholding in Allianz, the insurance group, and its 10 per cent stake in Munich Re, the reinsurer, into separate investment vehicles.

### **Key witness** tells judge to break up Microsoft

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

THE most senior witness to testify at the Microsoft antimust trial to date has urged the judge to break up the software company to break its "choke hold" on the computer

Bill Harris, the chief executive of Inuit, the maker of personal finance software, for the first time raised in the courtroom the issue of what punish-ment Microsoft deserved if

found guilty.

Mr Harris suggested that computer operating systems, a sector in which Microsoft has a near-monopoly, is similar to the water industry where competition is almost impossible and continual state regulation

is a necessity. He said: "It seems to me reasonable for the court to make a distinction between operating systems and other applications to the extent that the operating



Warden: quizzed Harris

system is an essential service. one that consumers have no choice but to use. Such market power should not be used to leverage into other markets."

Microsoft stands accused of using its dominant position in the operating system market as a bargaining chit to gain business in other sectors.

Mr Harris told the court that his company was forced to cut all links with Netscape. Microsoft's internet browser rival. to have its logo dis-played on the main page of Windows, the Microsoft oper-

ating system.

Microsoft lawyers were taken by surprise when Mr Harris made suggestions about how to remedy the market imbalance. Courtroom observers report that the Microsoft camp was briefly gripped by panic. The company has for weeks been trying to dampen talk of a break-up of America's big-

gest company.

John Warden, the company lawyer, demanded to know if Mr Harris had discussed his views with the Justice Department, which is prosecuting the case. Mr Harris said: "It was

my idea." The solution that Mr Harris alluded to would force Microsoft to spin off its Windows division, which makes the comwould prevent it from using the threat of cutting competitors out of Windows.

Break-up speculation has pushed Microsoft stock to new heights. Lehman Brothers predicted yesterday that the shares will move from their present price of \$143 to \$185. There are well-known histor-

ical precedents for a break-up. AT&T's monopoly was split up in 1984 and John Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company was broken up in 1911, a move that made America's richest ever man even wealthier.



Ronnie Frost, chairman of Hays, the distribution and recruitment company, which has bought 97 per cent of France Partner, a French courier group, for an initial FrI50 million (£16 million). Further payments of up to Fr50 million will be due in 2000 and 2001, subject to attainment of targets. Hays, which controls Colirail, a French courier, said the deal lifts its share of the French early-morning express delivery market to 20 per cent. The two couriers will gradually be integrated.

### Amazon revenues to top \$1bn

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

AMAZON.COM, the top online bookseller, is poised to break through the \$1 billion (£600 million) annual revenue barrier after Christmas sales more than tripled.

The company reported fourth-quarter revenues of \$250 million, up from \$66 million a year ago. The company was quick to caption that sales could fall again after the gift-buying season.

But analysts pointed out that many shoppers would have used online retailers for the first time this Christmas,

and if the new Amazon customers were satisfied they were likely to return with bigger orders in the months to

However, the company said that it is even further away from making a profit than before. Losses are expected to increase as Amazon continues to grow aggressively. The company has added music and video sales to its website, a business with lower margins than the

book trade Amazon has also recently

opened separate websites and book warehouses in Britain and Germany, with further overseas expansions likely. During the Christmas period, Amazon shipped 7.5 million items overseas, more than in-

all of 1997. Amazon's continued success will further fuel the demand for Internet retail stocks. Amazon shares rose more than ten times last year and America Online (AOL) went up sixfold.

AOL reported this week that retail sales on its network

had reached \$1.2 billion. But while the emerging Leternet brand name companies are growing quickly, many specu-lative Internet flotations have failed to incite a Wall Street following.

Jeff Bezos, Amazon's found-

er and chief executive, who left a hedge fund to start Ama-zon.com in 1994, owns about 48 per cent of the company. investors have flocked to

the company, driving its shares up from under \$10 a year ago to more than \$118

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#### **Engineers** warn of severe job losses

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 18,000 engineering jobs were lost in just nine months last year as companies were hit by the strength of sterling. This year the toll could be 82,000, according to the industry's trade group.

The losses were revealed by the Engineering Employers Federation, which said engineering was in the "grip of recession". The industry was rocked in the last quarter of 1998 by a further drop in output, a decline in export orders, a record low for domestic orders and a cut in capital spending plans, the EEF said.

Graham McKenzie, EEF director-general, said: "With UK interest rates at more than

twice the level of our European competitors and poor pros-pects for the rest of 1999, there is still a need for further cuts in rates at the earliest opportunity. Furthermore, we would urge the Chancellor to use his forthcoming Budget to introduce proactive counter-cyclical measures, to help industry to maintain essential investment in skills and technology through the downturn."

Last October the EEF said 100,000 job losses would be clocked up by the start of the millennium. It said that, because of the time lag between high Interest rates and job losses, the shedding of staff would be worse in 1999.

### Financial hot water keeps Topper out of Boat Show

TOPPER INTERNATIONAL, one of the best-known names in British yachting, has been excluded from this year's London Boat Show because of worries about its financial position.

The dinghy and catamaran maker's stand is a traditional fixture at the Earls Court show, which opened to the public on Friday. Robert White, Topper's sales director, said he could not remember a Boat Show at which Topper had not been represented.

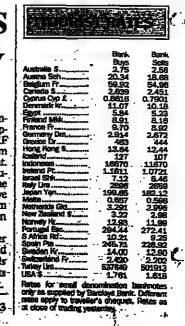
However. Topper has suffered financial difficulties because of a fall in orders from

France and last month agreed in the notice of the CVA, Ana company's voluntary arrangement (CVA) with its creditors to drew White had said that Topper was insolvent and the BMIF avoid going into receivership. would not accept bookings from Even though Topper's management and the CVA supervi-sor, Andrew White of Moores Rowland, the accountant, say the arrangement has secured the group's future, British Ma-

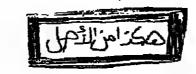
rine Industries Federation (BMIP), which runs the Boat Show, said Topper's financial problems meant it could not take a stand at the show. Tony Beechey, executive chair-man of the BMIF, said the position was unfortunate, but that,

companies that are insolvent. We have 800 exhibitors queuing up to take stands at the show," said Mr Beechey. "If we had accepted a booking from Topper it would not have been fair to our other exhibitors."
Robert White said Topper

will use the £60,000 it would have spent on a stand at Earls Court to build a showroom at itsfactory in Brightlingsea, Essex.



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That seems to have been happening in Detroit, from where the latest batch of motor industry merger stories is emanating. Yes-terday's story had Ford in macho mood, sweeping up Honda and BMW. The details of the mechanism by which this would be accomplished were as scanty as the traditional motor show costumes, but the idea, despite being down-played by those concerned, has dream appeal. The tripartite get-together would crease a truly glo-

together would create a truly global business at a time when, in every industry, that much-bandied label is becoming a reality. It now seems inevitable that world markets will be dominated by a few big players in each sector. The polarisation in stock markets is already reflecting this view emerging euroland's enthusiasm for the leading companies is leaving the smaller stocks looking sadly unloved. Yet the first mega-merger of the year could mega-merger of the year could be transatlantic rather than trans-European.

Vodafone would dearly love to join forces with AirTouch of the United States. Unfortunately,

### M stre ways of creating a little excitement. Why else would they be draped with so many posing females, clad incongruously in swinsuits and feathers instead of sensible suits and driving shoes? And recive the suits and driving shoes?

Bell Atlantic has spotted the attractions of the US mobile phone operator and has started talking terms. Whatever Vodafone's ambitions, its chances of coming out

and may yet harbour hopes of being able to concoct a proposal that might appeal to the Air-Touch board. Wooing US shareholders could be trickier, but there is a strong industrial logic in putting the two businesses together to form a base from which to persuade Americans that the mobile phone is an assential year. mobile phone is an essential part

mobile phone is an essential part of modern life.

It is the suspicion that this awakening is due, and the fact that technology is at last making mobile telephony a coast-to-coast reality in the US, that is inspiring Bell Atlantic's enthusiasm for AirTouch. But the deal would also bring Bell a strong presence in Europe. Vodafone's hopes that it might nick up AirTouch's Burn. it might pick up Air Touch's European operations as a consolation prize could be ill-founded if Bell Atlantic is subscribing to the glo-

balisation theory.

Investors have been backing telecoms stocks with all the fer-

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on top in a bid battle against the mighty Bell seem slight.

But Vodafone has been getting vour that they pursued financial to know Airlouch for months services companies and pharmaceuticals manufacturers. These have been some of the early beneficiaries of the globalisation trend. But other sectors have been slower to respond. More consolidation among motor companies, for instance, must lead to mergers among the component manufacturers. Euroland is but a staging post the world is the commercial stage now.

Crisis, what crisis. at the Treasury?

A new term has brought Gordon Brown a new team at the Treasury, Af-ter 19 months, a reshuffle, a promotion and two key resigna-tions, the Chancellor has only one of his original five ministers in the same post. And he is the supernumerary Lord Simon of Highbury, who was almost invis-ible between the row over his ap-

pointment and being wheeled back into the daylight to greet the birth of his beloved curo.

That birth is also meant to create a euro-friendly atmosphere for publication of the Treasury's changeover plan, due with-in a month. No one in business need take it seriously unless the Chancellor does his bit. He must spell out when and under what circumstances he plans to hitch sterling into the Mark 2 exchange rate mechanism, the only responsible way to bring the UK economic cycle into convergence with euroland.

The rest of the agenda is anything but new. In only its second new year, new Labour has managed to conjure up images last seen in the Winter of Discontent exactly 20 years ago, which finally consigned old Labour to the

Then it was striking workers picketing hospitals and failing to bury the dead. In new Labour's

left in corridors and a refrigerated trailer parked behind an East time to translate that into action. Anglian hospital, to store an overflow of corpses awaiting burial. Even Tony Blair, returning

from statesmanlike duties around his holiday in the Seychelles, un-cannily invokes images of Jim Callaghan, whose complacent comments on his return from a Caribbean conference evoked the head-line "Crisis, what crisis". After two years, Mr Brown has budgeted lots more for health. It

is clearly not enough. But dare his new team be anything but ultra-cautious when they draft a new Budget for March?

The Treasury's forecasts are for slower growth this year than anticipated in the spending review. Most other people's forecasts are even lower for 1999 and the millennium year. Lower rates of income tax look out of the greetion again unless that are question again, unless they are designed to increase taxation by

cutting allowances.
One group, at least, may be

hopeful. Barbara Roche, who takes over the detailed tax role as Financial Secretary, made an unexpected hit in her previous role as Minister for Small Business. The benefits of tax help to small firms also seem to have made an impression on her. Now is the

#### Who would want the doctor of spin?

he deliberations of the Chancellor's new team are unlikely to be subject to the vigorous spinning of Charlie Whelan for very much longer. But can this mean that job offers have been piling in to help rid Mr Brown of his turbulent assistant? Mr Whelan has apparently made it clear that he has no wish to find a new job in the City. The to find a new job in the City. The feeling is almost certainly mutual. While Mr Whelan's way of do-ing business appeared to be con-doned and even encouraged by the Chancellor, there would be few commercial organisations

that would countenance his idio-syncratic methods. While the news of his enforced departure from the Treasury has precipitated some affectionate comments of the "cheeky chappy" genre, companies that treat
their communications with the
outside world as a vital part of
their operations need professionals to do the job. Imagine Glaxo
Wellcome. Merrill Lynch or
Kingfisher allowing their relations with the press to hinge on a
bar stool and a mobile phone.

When organisations are competing for business and investment, they know they need to put
their message across strongly
but to mislead the media is pointless: the figures will eventually comments of the "cheeky chap-

less: the figures will eventually tell the truth. Mr Whelan might have some difficulty in adapting his techniques to fit that world. Perhaps he is right to turn his attentions to prospects in the world of football. Perhaps Geoffrey Robinson could pull a few strings at Coventry.

#### Talk of windfalls

BRANCHES of the Bradford & Bingley Building Society were barring their doors against the onslaught of carpethaggers yesterday. It was a fine sight to preface today's meeting of the Building Societies Association, intent ing Societies Association, intent on finding ways of preserving mu-tualisation. The delegates will be hard-pressed to find arguments to militate against the attractions of a windfall. They will have to take comfort in the fact that the queues outside the B&B demonstrated how financially aware the

### Abbot in merger talks with Norwegian rival

ABBOT GROUP, Britain's largest North Sea drilling company, is in merger talks with ProSafe, its Norwegian counterpart, aimed at creating a European rival to the powerful US oil services groups.
Shares of Abbot Group

jumped 9 per cent to 195%p on news of the talks, which envisage a 50/50 merger of the two groups to create a £500 million company listed in London. ProSale gained almost 60 per cent on the Oslo Stock Ex-change on expectations that it would secure the better half of

the bargain. Michael Salter, chief operating officer of Abbot, said that cost-cutting was not the ration - Abbot and ProSafe."

ale for merger. However, he indicated that the low oil price was a spur to consolidation and said that an Anglo-Norwe-gian alliance was needed to take on American drilling giants such as Santa Fe and Noble He said: They have tre-mendous clout. That is what we are trying to address."

Abbot sees the spate of mega-mergers in the oil sector. as both problem and opportu-nity. Alasdair Locke, Abbot's chairman and 32 per cent shareholder said: The consol-idation that is taking place within the major oil producing companies is likely to reduce the customer base of both

The merged company hopes to expand beyond the North Sea by piggy-backing on cus-tomers, such as BP Amoco, as they move to lower cost areas in the Caspian and Middle East. Abbot, which made half-year profits of £7 million on sales of £90 million, owns KCA

well as a drilling mud business and industrial inspection ProSafe is the world's largest owner of accommodation rigs as well as the leading drilling contractor on the Norwegian continental shelf. In the nine months to September, ProSafe

made profits of about £20 mil-

Drilling, the largest drilling contractor in the North Sea, as

lion on turnover of £150 million. Mr Salter said there would he few synergies from combining the two drilling operations. However, he said the low oil price would push the oil companies into outsourcing more of their upstream activities. "Outsourcing became the rage in 1992 but the impetus dropped off when the impetus dropped off when the oil price recovered. Now it will

oick up again."

Mr Locke will become executive chairman of the merged company while Reidar Lund. chief executive of ProSafe, will become chief executive after completion of the deal.

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### **forecasts** sharp dip in return

Euclidian, the Lloyd's insurance company, is predicting a sharp fall in the underwriting return for the year just closed. Underwriting returns for 1996, insurance for which has ust closed, are estimated to be between 5 and 7.5 per cent. In the previous period. Euclidian

made 13 per cent. Sir Alexander Graham, the chairman; said that softness in the insurance market was likely to continue. There is still lit-tle opportunity for most primary insurers to increase their underwriting rates," he said. However, he pointed to some upward movements in reinsurance premiums.

pre-tax profits for the six months to September 30, of £1.7 million, up from £1.4 million. The dividend remains 20, share up to 5.03p, from 3.95p. Tempus, page 24

#### Blow to Kvaerner's attack on its debts

Kvaerner's attempts to cut its El.1 billion debt have suffered a setback with the collapse of a property sale.
The British-Norwegian engi-

neer, which has promised to mivel a new structure in March, announced the disposal of its US housebuilding activities in October. The businesses were being sold to two buyers for about \$150 million (£90 million). However, one buyer — a con-

sortium that wanted to buy only a residential development in South Riding, Virginia -could not raise the necessary \$55 million and the estate has been put on the market again. Kvaerner had already booked a sale profit in its fourth-quarter results, which will be reversed. A spokesman said: "We are already talking to a number of potential purchasers." Fourth-quarter asset sales totalled \$290 million.

#### Factory jobs lost as liquidators act

About 240 factory workers lost their jobs yesterday as liquidators moved to wind up Telecom Manufacturing Limited (TML), a Liechtenstein-owned company based in Airdrie, Lanarkshire.

Ian Rankin, a liquidator, of PricewaterhouseCoopers, said that TML is owed £5 million by Telecom Sciences Limited (ISL), a company based in Manchester but also owned by the same parent, the Dubell Foundation. Mr Rankin said: "I've been in the insolvency business for 20 years and this is one of the quaintest set-ups I've come across. Clearly there are a number of unanswered

### Euclidian | Court computer system's '£60m waste' criticised

THE Lord Chancellor's Department was yesterday accused of wasting up to £60 million of public money on a computer system for the magis-trates' courts of England and

The Private Finance Initiative deal, worth £183 million over ten years, was awarded to a consortium led by ICL, the systems services group, and Unisys, the US computer giant, yesterday after a year-long bid battle.

However, a rival consorti-um led by EDS, of Texas, said that it had offered to supply a similar system for less than

El20 million. The EDS team had withdrawn its bid last auturns after learning that it had been designated a category "A" risk factor by the Lord Chancellor's Department, indi-cating that the department did not believe that EDS could deliver its system on time.

The ICL consortium has, however, offered to deliver the system, called Libra, in exactly the same timeframe. This requires Libra to be operational by the end of 2001, allowing information about trials, charges and convictions to be delivered online to magistrates' courts and outside users.

EDS has complained to the department about how the bidding was conducted and has also questioned why Richard Stock, chairman of the user committee representing the courts, resigned at a crucial point in the bidding process.

Alan Gibson, ICL executive director, said that he could not comment on why EDS had withdrawn from the bidding, but that, in the end, ICL was

on a shortlist of one.
The Lord Chancelion's Department was unable to comment on the bid process, but has said in the past that it was EDS's choice to withdraw.

### cuts oil subsidy

By CARL MORTISHED INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

NIGERIA has cut funding to its troubled oil industry by 20 per cent and promised a re-view of the funding of the joint ventures with foreign oil companies, including Shell, Elf. Mobil and Texaco. The review could lead to a

sell-off of a large stake in Nigeria's vast oil reserves, a move hitherto considered unacceptable for political reasons. Nigeria's Finance Minister, Ismaila Usman, said that auditors would be appointed to report on the joint ventures and the possibility of alternative funding. "The Government is con-cerned about its disproportionare participation in the operations of the joint ventures." Foreign oil companies have

been clamouring for privatisation of all or part of the average 57 per cent interest of the Nige-ian National Petroleum Corporation. State funding for the oil joint ventures will fall from \$2.5 billion (£1.5 billion) last year to \$2 billion. However, NNPC is still some \$700 million in arrears on cash calls to the joint ventures and Western oil companies have given warning of dire consequences of falling output if Nigeria does not increase investment.

The collapse in the price of crude oil has badly eroded Nigeria's foreign currency earnings, further weakening its ability to invest. Oil revenues are expected to be just \$5.3 bil-lion in the 1999 budget, down frem last year's \$6.3 billion which compares with an original budget of \$9.8 billion.

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Michael Hurdle has been looking at a range of options to fend off W&DB's hostile bid

#### Pressure on Marston's

MARSTON, Thompson & Evershed, the Pedigree bitter brewer, faces mounting pressure to pull a deal out of the hat to stand any chance of fighting off Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries hostile bid (Dominic Walsh writes). Industry sources believe that Marston's, chaired by Michael Hurdle, has been looking at a range of options, from a man-

provide a robust response to W&DB's £262 million bid.

agement buyout to a merger with the rival brewers Morland rate on its plans in its formal defence document, which is due to and Mansfield, in an effort to be posted out to shareholders on

analyst at Teather & Green-wood, said: "Unless they come option, whereby the prey launch-es a counter-bid for the predator. up with something extremely cre-ative, Marston's days look num-The pacman option is considered unlikely, while the chances of a white knight entering the fray have diminished since the bered. The new management team has put in place an interesting strategy, but it is unproven. obvious candidate, Greene King, joined forces with W&DB. investors are only interested in the next three months. My guess The Abbot Ale brewer has is that Wolves will sweeten its offer and that will be that." Marston's is expected to elabo-

agreed to buy 170 of Marston's pubs for £80 million in the event that W&DB's bid succeeds. W&DB yesterday extended its offer until January 29 after receiving acceptances in res-Friday. Other possibilities are a pect of just 0.89 per cent of W&DB's £262 million bid. break-up, a sale to a white Nigel Popham, drinks sector knight or the so-called pacman Marston's shares by Monday's second closing date.

### Granada £80m hotel parcel for sale

By DOMINIC WALSH

GRANADA, the media and hospitality group, has quietly put a "for sale" sign over a package of 23 Heritage and Posthouse hotels with a combined price tag of about £80 million.

of the continuing tidying up of the photel portfolio acquired with the take forer of Porte three years ago.

It is understood that the hotels are

The move puts a further question It is understood that the bound over the future of the SO-strong being marketed in two packages by mark over the future of the SO-strong The group also claimed that the 15 Christie & Co. the property agent. Heritage chain within the Forte-portion Posthouses were merely under re-

properties off in ones and twos.

The 15 Posthouses in question are largely older properties that do not fit the new Posttrouse blueprint launched

However, analysts believe that, as lio, which is increasingly focused on the Méridien, Posthouse and da will eventually be forced to sell the Travelodge brands. One of the bestknown is the 33-room White Horse at Romsey, Hampshire, parts of which date back to Elizabethan times.
Granada admitted that it was

price tag of about £80 million.

The properties, totalling almost
2,000 bedrooms, are being sold as part
of the continuing tidying up of the of the continuing tidying up of the professional field. Runcorn and Erskine, near properties are simply part of the "Normal churn", whereby lesser units are the properties are simply part of the "normal churn", whereby lesser units are sold and better represented. sold and better properties acquired. The group also claimed that the 15

view" and that no decision had yet been taken on whether they would actually be sold. Meanwhile, talks over three London four-star hotels that were put up for

sale a year ago continue to drag on after the collapse of a deal with Highgate Holdings, the US property group. Granada is now in talks to sell the 329-room Russell to Principal Hotels for about £60 million, while Chelsticid is circling the 86-room Saint-Georges, which is worth about £12 million. The 255-room Cavendish is also up for offers.

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### Drug companies inject pace into new year trade

THIS could be a bumper year for drug companies. Giaxo breaking run yesterday with a leap of 104p to a high of £22.33 as 8.5 million shares, worth about £189 million, changed hands.

Glaxo, along with other drug companies, has benefited from new year share tips and there has even been talk that Britain's biggest drug compa-ny may be poised to make a spoiling bid for rival Zeneca. up 80p to £27.74, already the subject of an agreed merger with Sweden's Astra.

Also making headway was SmithKline Beecham, 33½p dearer at 887p, on the back of a "buy" recommendation from Dresdner Kleinwort Benson.

Other leading shares were much in demand, especially those linked with possible corporate activity such as Bardays, up 54p to £13.42, and GEC, 22p stronger at 5554p, where Cazenove, the broker,

has set a target price of 600p. Strong performances by the drug and relecton sectors paved the way for a positive performance by the rest of the equity market. But despite further strong gains for the Dow Jones industrial average in early trading, prices in London closed below their best levels.

The FTSE 100 index finished 78.8 points up at 5,958.2 having briefly touched 5,980.5. The gains were less spectacular among the second-liners and that was reflected in the FTSE 250 index, up 19.2 to 4,870.2. Total turnover reached 962 million shares.

Retailers claiming they have done well over the Christmas period are a rare commodity these days. However, Safeway, it seems, is the genuine article. It says sales were good, despite a slow start that was

offset by a strong finish.

In November, Safeway, down 10%p to 268%p, reported sales in the first five weeks of the second balf up 5 per cent. Peter Jones, at Peel Hunt, the broker, expects that sort of growth to be maintained.

By contrast, Asda, down 54p to 158p, may have found the going difficult. Panmure Gordon, the broker, remains worried about the benefits of omotional activity and has reiterated its "sell" recommen-

dation for the shares. Yesterday's profits warning from the German software gi-ant SAP sent a shudder



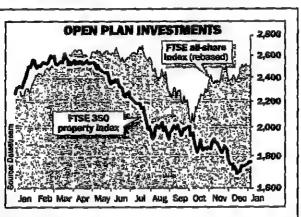
David Webster, the chairman, and Colin Smith, the chief executive, right, saw shares of Safeway fall 10%p to 268%p

through British software specialists. Losses were seen in ECsoft Group, 45p to £20.55, MMT Computing, 35p to 892/cp, London Bridge Software, 471/2p to £12.40; MSB International, 34p to 280p and CMG, 23p to £15.77. Moving against the trend, MSW Techaclogy stood out with a rise of

Arcadia continued to hit

new depths with a fall of 5p to 164p. Earlier this week Credit Suisse First Boston, the broker, undermined the Top Shop and Burton retailer, with a profits downgrade. Yesterday it was joined by ABN Amro Hoare Govett, which is reckoned to have reduced its profit numbers by 20 per cent.

HSBC Securities, the broker, has raised its recommen-



CREDIT Suisse First Boston, the broker, was behind a long-awaited buying spree in the property sector. After the sector hit a low relative to the market last month, the broker has now decided that it has fallen far enough and is said to be urging clients to go "over-

It has also raised its recommendation for one of the Tempus tips of the year Land Securities, up 29½p to 800p, and also for Great Portland, 5½p higher at 198p, from "self" to "hold".

Its views may not set the property sector alight but, it is hoped, it may be enough to prompt other brokers to take a fresh look at the commercial property market.

CSFB's move also managed to stimulate British Land 161/2p to 473p, Bradford Property 9½p to 211½p, Chelsfield 15½p to 270p, Eskmuir 131/sp to 181p, Hammerson 181/sp to 372p, MEPC 16/sp to 422/sp, and Peel Holdings 17/sp to 532/sp. Only time will tell whether this is the start of a

er at 7134:p. It has moved from "hold" to "buy" and rates the defence and civil aerospace group as "an attractive proposition for 1999".

Diploma was one of the worst-performing stocks, fall-ing 41p to 122/4p after it gave warning that profits for the current year will be lower than last time round. It blamed declining trading conditions.

it seems we stuffed ourselves with record amounts of seasonal fare over the Christmas holiday, Cranswick, up 3p to 285%p, says it sold four million chipolatas, cocktail and ordinary sausages in the weeks leading up to Christ-mas. Most of it was sold through J Sainsbury, Asda and William Morrison.

Sytner Group receded 3p to 179p with sources close to the company saying the company has not received any bid approaches. The motor distributor has been the subject of intense bid speculation that has lifted it from a low of 123%p.

Traders reported some heavy turnover in Fortune Oil, up 4p to 34p, as more than ten million shares changed hands. This followed the put-through of at least two large lines of stock, including one of four million at 24p and

2.5 million at 2.87p.
Servomer touched 147½p before ending Mp firmer at 127Mp on talk of a bid from City Technology, 3%p better at 203%p.

Over on AIM, Honeycombe Leisure reached a new high of 74%p, a rise of 5p. Earlier this week, James Baer, direc-tor, bought 5,000 shares at 70p, taking his total holding to 625,000, or 2.8 per cent. GILT-EDGED: The bond

market had a neglected look as investors sought other places to invest money. Prices drifted across the yield curve as money was ploughed into both the credit and swaps market. In the futures pit, the March

series of the long gilt retreated 39p to £119.25 as more than 23,000 contracts were completed. Cash issues saw Treasury 8 per cent 2021 drop 20p to £151.60. while among shorterdated stocks. Treasury 7 per cent 2002 was 13p easier at

□ NEW YORK: US shares moved higher in generally cautious early trading. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was up 58.44 points to 9.242.71.

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deal that is exactly like that. It will be paid £65 million over

### Walking on AirTouch

WITH a 14 per cent rise behind Vodafone this week (and since this column included it as a new year tip) it is tempting now to take profits. Starting the week at 976p, Vodatone was trading at 55 times forecast earnings per share for the year to next March. Now at £11.10%, the shares trade on a multiple of 63 times. At such heady levels it may not take much - say a scare that mobiles do heighten cancer risks in users - to knock the cards over.

The sharp rise of Vodafone this year is easily explained. The excellent connection numbers published on Tuesday coupled with excitement yesterday about a possible merger with Air-Touch, a \$45 billion rival based in San Francisco. However, both bits of good news have downsides that the market has chosen to ignore. The vast majority of Vodafone's new customers are on "pre-pay" deals, and in revenue - sense, but keep the faith for now.

terms these are neither as lucrative nor as reliable as the more established annual subscription contracts. Swallowing Air Touch, meanwhile, could cause serious indigestion.

But the bull argument still holds sway. Any new customers are better than no customers and once introduced to the convenience of mobile telephony, there is every chance some could become more reminerative. With regard to its overseas expansion kleas. Vodafone is blessed with foreign experience. It also has a cautious alternative approach: nab Air-Touch for its European exposure and sell off the American side.

There are precious few industries that have as clearly visible growth potential as this one. In Vodatone you also have a telecoms company that is profitable. The rating makes little

#### Abbot

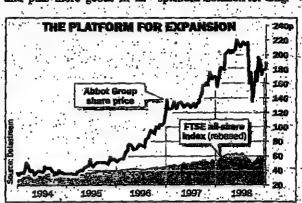
ABBOT is heading down the right road in looking to merge with ProSafe of Nor-way but it may be paying a high toll for the privilege.

Britain's North Sea oil services industry is at an important juncture. Exploration is being drastically curbed on Europe's continental shelf. With the oil price stubbornly low and the cost of finding and piping oil from the North Sea at \$12 a barrel, there is no margin in it. Unsurprisingly, the oil majors are seeking cheaper oil in the Gulf of Mexico and West Africa.

Companies such as Abbot are doing fine working existing fields but if the exploration histus continues their or der books will decline. Abbot is correct to draw the conclusion that it cannot afford to remain a parochial service group swimming in just one pond. The solution is to find shop window, However, its ork in more popular fields. but it will increasingly confront the financial clout and expertise of America's oil serv-

management savings by com-bining the two drilling operations looks dubious. The likes of BP Amoco and

It could be strategy to smooth the merger path but. Exxon Mobil will be difficult Abhot needs to drive a harder and demanding customers. bargain with its new partner. too. The merger with ProSafe increases Abbot's resources and puts more goods in its The parapered Norwegian oil services industry cannot sit in splendid isolation for long.



#### Amey

AMEY has done well transforming itself. From being a a tired old civil engineering company—perennially at the mercy of construction cycle vagaries - it has now moved into the much brighter business of building and maintaining buildings, roads and other infrastructure. It has also tapped into the current trend

Cynics say that outsourcing turns a one-off capital expense into a medium-term tevenue expense, flattering the look of the balance sheet in the process. This is true but businesses also like to outsource because it enables them to focus on their knitting. It is like employing an accountant to fill out your tax return: in terms of time spent you may be able to earn far

three years to run Centrica's business support services. Amey is promising Centrica that it can save the gas company money and still make a nice profit itself.

There is much more of this business to go for and unlike some of the information technology companies that are also into outsourcing, Amey will not face a fall in demand once the millennium bug has been sorted out.

its shares rose 44 per cent last year and there is every reason to believe the surge will continue: Buy.

#### Euclidian

NEWS yesterday from Euclidian makes worrying reading because it commiss that underwriting conditions in the Lloyd's insurance market are getting more difficult.

There is no unpleasant the Cox party before Christmas, but in many ways it is more serious. Profits from underwriting, according to Euc-lidian, will be between 5 and 75 per cent this year, down from 13 per cent.

In turn the worsening underwriting position could un-dermine Euclidian and other integrated Lloyd's vehicles. The shares are sensibly valued by adding the net asset value to a multiple of underwriting earnings. This multi-ple will be low, because of the almost inevitable irregularity of that income. Euclidian's net assets - the assets used to back insurance risks - are 116p a share. Underwriting earnings per share are about. 20p a share. But the Euclidian stock share fell yesterday

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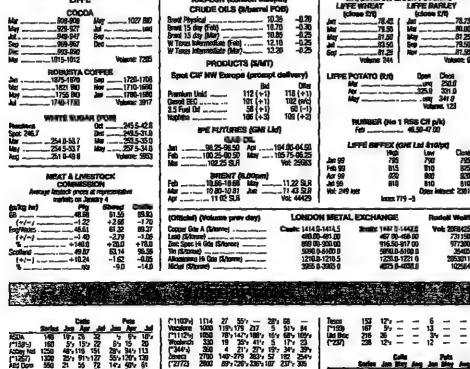
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from 1211/p to 1191/p. insurance companies always look like investment trusts with a potentially expensive hobby - insurance underwriting. But valued on are cheap, so long as it makes an underwriting profit. Buy.



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conomic commentators are beginning to talk in quite dramatic terms about inflation and therefore interest rates. For many, Britain is well along a path that leads back to the low and stable inflation of the 1960s. Britain may not quite reach European interest rates of 3 per cent but could get pretty close — and that is whether the UK decides to join the

single currency or not.
Michael Saunders, of Salomon Smith Barney, puts a pretty com-pelling case for headline inflation to drop to close to zero this year to its lowest level since 1960. Underlying inflation, he believes, will fall to about 1.5 per cent late this year so long as oil prices do not recover. This would be the lowest underlying rate since 1967. This, he argues, means that base rates will fall to 5 per cent in the middle of this year and below 5 per cent in late 1999 or early 2000.

If British businesses and wage bargainers begin to believe that low inflation is a permanent or semi-permanent feature of the landscape, base rates could fall to

### Back to the Sixties but not swinging yet

4 per cent early in the new millennium. His forecasts do not rely on any assumption that monetary policy will be geared to providing sterling with a smooth glide path down to the euro some time after the next election but purely on a reading of economic trends. The main forces working in favour of low inflation. include a sharp economic slowdown already under way that has left business with large piles of unsold stock and therefore presages deep discounting, as well as very

weak commodity prices.
It might be added that the global growth outlook may look much worse than it does now if the American economy turns turtle. A new report by Bill Martin, of Phillips & Drew, and Professor Wynne God-ley, of Cambridge University, argues that, in order to continue grow-ing steadily, private spending would have to exceed income by the

equivalent of more than 8 per cent of gross domestic product, double the level of last year and considerably larger than the 6 per cent reached in the Lawson boom which led to damaging bust. Debt would escalare to 2.4 times US annual income, Wall Street would have to infinte even further and the current account deficit would double. All of this is clearly unsustainable and the moment that America stops being the world's spender of last resort could be a devastating one.

The authors write: "Looking through the looking glass at America's wooderland, we conclude that should the stock market stop, it would instead fall over. A spiral, once virtuous, would become exceedingly vicious, bringing down the entire house of cards. We cannot time this pattern of events but we are convinced of its inevitability." The cumulative cost to the



world economy by 2003 in terms of lost growth could be in the order of per cent of global GDP.

This study believes that Britain and Europe would be least badly affected by such events but, nevertheless, in an era of evidently low inflation, it does provide a strong intuitive reason for central bankers to err on the side of growth. In the minutes of the December MPC meeting, it became evident in a long passage on the subject discuss a so-called neutral interest rate designed neither to stimulate nor restrain the economy. Opinion was clearly divided (not

least on whether the neutral rate is a usual concept for policymaking) on where the neutral rate lies. Unhelpfully for those of us trying to predict where base rates will end up, the variety of MPC opinion put the neutral rate at anywhere between 4.5 per cent and 6.5 per cent. However, there is a camp on the MPC that believes not only that

the neutral rate is significantly below the 6.75 per cent base rate that prevailed before December's halfpoint cut but also that base rates should currently be set below that neutral rate. David Mackie, of JP Morgan,

who has, beyond the call of duty, looked at the evidence of the past 170 years, concludes that a neutral

that the committee has begun to rate for Britain would be about 4.5 per cent. All of this suggests that there is scope for UK base rates to fall to levels not seen for a generation. It does not, however, make a cast iron case for a cut tomorrow.

Among the arguments for waiting a month are uncertainty about how the January sales have gone; some evidence that the recent decline in sterling is arresting the drop in exports: a concern not to be the odd man out in cutting rates when the Fed and the European Central Bank are on hold and nervousness about another cut undermining sterling in the potentially volatile first weeks of trading in the euro. When in doubt, the MPC has sometimes waited to go through the full analytical process involved in publishing its quarterly Inflation Report before coming to a decision on rates — and the

next report is in February.

However, there are also arguments for moving now. If there is general agreement co: the MPC that rates have not bottomed, what is the sense of waiting, particularly as even Eddie George appears to have bought into the Goodhart/ Buiter school of activism. Inflation is low and falling and the MPC has made it clear that it will be as assiduous in avoiding an undershoot of the inflation target as an overshoot. In addition, since its last Inflation Report, independent forecasts for both growth and inflation have been scaled back.

Whatever the outcome this week, it is evident that the MPC is not blind to the possibility of inflation and interest rates at 1960s levels and that the influx of academic outsiders has brought new dimensions, a more active consideration of different economic concepts and varied instinctual approaches to the process of rate setting. This intellectual flux is fascinating but, together with a dramatic change in global economic trends from the 1970s and 1980s, it makes monthly rate decisions far harder to call.

### Oil-rich Nigeria battles to emerge from its crumbling economy

Brian Wilson explains why

Britain must encourage

democracy in 'new' country

he enigma of Nigeria is summed up in the queues, hundreds of yards long, for petrol at every filling station in Lagos Ad Abuja. Here is a country, easily capable of producing two million barrels of oil a day, which cannot supply itsown people with enough fuel to keep their cars running.
There are plenty of explana-

tions. The oil refineries are clapped-out and desperately in need of investment. Civil strife in the Delta area is significantly undermining oil production. But more fundamentally, this is a rich country that has been robbed and mismanaged for so long that the cupboard is finally just about bare.
So why lead a trade-mission

now, when perceptions of the There is no doubt that Niger-Beeria as an economic basker is a wants to strengthen economicase remain strong? The an- ac links with Britain (although swer lies in the fact that politic even now it is an export market happening. As yet the outcome is uncertain. But there is a real, unmistakable determination to make it work and if that can be achieved, then economic transformation might not be

far behind. We should know within months whether the transition to democratic government has been successful. In Pebruary, there will be elections both for a national assembly and to choose a president. You can never be certain in Nigeria, hat the indications are that ese will go ahead and a new administration will be in place

The transitional Government is led by General Abu-bakar who has no intention of standing for the presidency a useful starting point in any such process. Abubakar has assembled an impressive team of ministers who are at pains to make it clear that they are on very short-term contracts. Their job is to hand over as stable a society and as secure an economy as possible to their

These objectives mean that merely marking time until by is not an option. The appalling regime of General Abacha, both brutal and spectacularly corrupt, ended last June with the death of its leader. He left behind a crumbling economy and widespread civil strife in the neglected areas from where the oil wealth flows. Britain distanced itself. from Nigeria after the execution of Ken Sara-Wiwa, which also led to Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth.

Abubakar's commitment to human rights and to handover quickly to a civilian goverament has opened the door to improved diplomatic and commercial relations. My own visit was a direct followthrough from the successful encounter between Abubakar and Tony Blair in London last September:

year). There is a very direct con-relation in the minds of many senior figures — often British educated — between happier days for the country and the residue of British influence.

This was perhaps at its strongest when we met Alhaji Alfa Wali; the impressive Agriculture Minister and his team. They need investment both to modernise small farm ing, which sustains more than three quarters of the population, and also to develop much larger units of commercial production. They attribute halcyon days in the not-so-distant past, when Nigeria was a net exporter of food, to the legacy of British agriculturists and the 18 research institutes they left behind. All of them are

now defunct. In this, and other key sectors of the economy, there is plenty of interest among British companies, both in trading with and investing in the "new" Nigeria. But there are many obstacles of both substance and perception to be

Ministers in the transitional Government know that there are hard decisions that need to be taken quickly if interest and



Tony Blair welcomes General Abubakar to Downing Street during his visit last September

goodwill are to be capitalised upon. And they have shown themselves willing to grasp the nettle. When I met Alhaji Usman, the Minister of Finance, he gave a clear undertaking that the dual exchange rate - a blatant scam that offers a huge competitive advantage to those who are in a position to exploit naira-dollar conversion — would be abolished. Now that has happened.

This was an act of courage as

On the other hand, many issues still need to be addressed. There is the uncomfortable fact that Transparency International, the research group, has consistently placed Nigeria at the bottom of its Corruption Perceptions index. It would go a long way towards encouraging investor confidence if the Nigerian Government was seen to

take a definite stance to pro-

it threatened the vested inter-ests of powerful individuals. mote transparency and dis-courage corruption. courage corruption.
The UK's Export Credit Guarantee Department has

had its fingers burnt, over the past 20 years it has extended more than 23 billion, and there must be some indication of how inroads will be made into that debt. But the Nigerians are well aware of these dif-ficulties and appear determined to address them quickly - not least in order to get out of the way before the elected government takes over.

Another of these hard deci-sions is whether to press ahead with a privatisation programme in advance of the presdential elections. This is the signal that many foreign investors are waiting for and transi-tional ministers insist that it will happen. It is less an ideological matter than a necessary prerequisite to securing investment that Nigeria's utilities and infrastructure so desperately need. Oil refineries, power supply and telecommunications could soon be open to offers.

Perhaps the most menacing of all Nigeria's problems is the lawlessness that has grown up as a reaction to the previous Governments' failure to commit an equitable proportion of the oil revenues to the communities who live where the stuff is produced. The oil companies are looking to the Government to maintain the rule of law. But it is unlikely that this will have any long-term effect unless there is clear evidence that the commitment, to spend 13 per cent of oil revenues in the production areas, is fulfilled.

n top of all the other problems that they face, the transitional Government is trying to put together a budget that is based on an oil price of \$10 per barrel. That certainly means, even on the most favourable prognosis, that there is going to be no early return to the prosperity of the 1970s for the Nigerian economy as a

Yet there are plenty of British companies that have con-tinued to trade successfully and profitably. The sheer vasi-ness of the market, more than 100 million people, allied to the clear potential for economic success if only the political horror stories can be avoided. mean that Nigeria is a country that cannot be ignored.

The next few months are

likely to tell us a lot about whether a democratic future really does exist and, if so, what it amounts to. It is a process we must encourage.

☐ The author is the Minister for Trade. He led a delegation, including representa-tives from Shell, SmithKline Beecham and Standard Chartered, to Nigeria in December.

#### Pound is being made a scapegoat for the misfortunes of pig-farmer

From Mr Gerry Hanson Sir, it really won't do for Fras-er Nelson to blame the misfortunes of pig-farmer Donald Ross on the so-called strength of the pound (The euro and me, December 24). The market price of pigs has nothing to do with the exchange rate, and everything to do with the EU policy of encouraging rearing of pigs to over-supply, plus the fact that most EU countries have much lower, and therefore cheaper, standards of animal welfare than we have. Mr Ross may be guilty of failing to research the market before switching from cereal production, or just unfortunate in timing, but he cannot legitimately blame the pound.

The pound is not strong. Would that it were — there are great benefits in a strong cur-rency: lower food, raw material, packaging and freight costs, and potential for lower fuel costs if our greedy Government stopped exploiting the benefit by constantly raising fuel tax. Twenty-live years ago when we entered the EEC, we had a small trade surplus with other EEC members; now we have an annual deficit with our EU partners in excess of £8 billion. Then, for a German to buy a pound's worth of British goods, he had to withdraw from his bank DM8.25; now, he need take out only DM2.80. Is that strong? Anyway, can anyone name a single Western country that prospered for long with a weak currency? Yours faithfully, GERRY HANSON,

Potters Lodge, 74A Slough Road, Buckinghamshire, SL20 0DY.

#### Interest swings and tax roundabouts

From Mr A. D. Gatling Sir, Janet Bush, in her Interesting piece on interest rates (January 5) points out that the dif-ference between our rates and those of euroland is unlikely to be maintained. More durable, however, is likely to be the dif-

ference in tax rates. At an overall 35 per cent here, compared with an avernent, we would lose 15 per cent of after-tax income if we were forced to "harmonise" our tax

rates, against which any temporary saving on mortgages is small beer.

Indeed, one wonders whether this may be the chief attraction of EMU to Mr Blair. Once signed up, he would then be able to renege on his election. promise not to raise taxes by daiming force majeure. Yours faithfully.

D GATLIN White Lodge, Berwick St James. Salisbury, SP3 41Z.

#### Background to Berisford pay

From the Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, Berisford Sir, City Diary (December 17) wrongly suggested that Beris-ford's chief executive enjoyed a big pay increase last year despite a fall in the group's profits.

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the pre-tax level were down 17

per cent year-on-year. Your report of November's results dealt with this correctly. In the past four years, underlying earnings per share have increased four-fold. Mr Bowkett's bonus was genuinely performance-related. Yours faithfully. PENNY HUGHES. Remuneration Committee,

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### Ship comes in

SOBS, the pressure group devoted to keeping our building societies, has had to part with a family heirloom to secure funds needed to disrupt the Halifax takeover of the Birmingham

Next week, Bonhams will auction a painting left to him by his late father, Son Ldr Bill Goodall. Ship entering P Thames estuary by the marine artist Norman Wilkinson is of . . . anyway, it is expected to raise between



"Hand over an account application form and nobody will get hurt ...

BOB GOODALL, co-ordinator at SOBS, the pressure group devoted to would have approved," he says.

Goodall semior was public rela-

tions manager for Glaxo, and also a campaigner. When he stood for Parliament a number of times, he personally paid the required deposit."

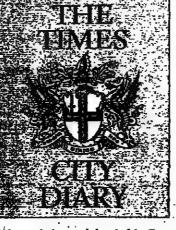
A DAFT linguistic debate over the euro in, of all places, Moscow, where the authorities have deemed the currency officially sexless.

In European languages where they have to decide one way or the other. the euro is a bouncing boy - "un euro", "der euro", etc. In Russian, "yevro" should be neuter. But the local media have had it swinging both ways, either masculine or feminine. So the central bank, sensing controversy, has reverted to Stalinist ways. There is no official decision," said a

Caught out

THE approach for AirTouch seems to have caught Chris Gent, Vodafone chief executive, in the outfield. He is on holiday in Australia warching the cricket, because the company is the England team's sponsor.

He has been there since December 26 and is expected back on Monday. Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, Vo. masochistic or they have a sense of breathtaking. Look out for it.



dafone's chairman, is head of the England and Wales Cricket Board, and Gent himself is apparently mad keen on the sport.

Vodafone concedes that it is not terribly convenient to have your chief executive on the other side of the world during what is potentially the company's biggest deal. However, "the mobile phone network works in Australia extremely well," I am told.

Death wish

THE annual Savoy Lecture on the hospitality industry is usually addressed by a bigwig hotelier or whatever. But this year Arena, the organisers have gone for the film-maker Michael Winner. Winner assures me he was the in-dustry's own choice — "they're either commercial say the resemblance is

humour." His poisonous views on restaurants are well known from his column in The Sunday Times. It is hard not to warm to someone who believes the British public are being ripped off every time they open a table napkin, and he intends to say so at the lecture on February 4. We're the most inhospitable people

in the world," he tells me - appropriately, from the Caribbean. "The English are just mugs when it comes to accepting bad service and then furning

BRITISH companies are so proud of sacking people that they announce the numbers years in advance and then add a few more when the time comes, just for completeness. Compa-nies in euroland have not quite caught up with this.

One has just announced 1,000 redundancies for 1999, including 564 jobs it was supposed to cut last year but did not quite get around to. Guess who? Credit Lyonnais, the French bank officially estimated to have cost taxpayers FrI50 billion, or as near as dammit £15 billion.

Free Whelan MY PICTURE is of Charlie Whelan,

spin-doctor turned ice-cream salesman, in the new publicity campaign by the Financial Services Authority on pensions mis-selling. Seriously

demotic soap opera, in the same way that The Archers occasionally lectures us on warble-fly. However, a colleague points out that it is unlikely any of the cast declare enough income to fund a personal pension. In fact, the real reason the story will never appear is more fundamental.

Incidentally, I hear there is serious

talk of introducing a pensions mis-

selling storyline into EastEnders, the

Any member of the EastEnders cast mis-sold a pension is more likely to solve the problem by taking a sawnoff shotgun to the head office of the firm responsible than by writing a let-

MARTIN WALLER



Lovely lolly: Charlie Whelan finally leaves the Treasury for a real iob

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### A date with the end of the world

**FILM:** This year movie-makers are iumping on the millennium

bandwagon, says James Mottram

rom the predictions of Nostradamus to the Y2K bug, millennial angst has struck deep. With more than 2,000 books published on the subject since the 1950s, uncertainty and insecurity appear to govern most of the thinking surrounding the millennium. And the malaise has started to infiltrate our cinemas.

Apart from Kathryn Bigelow's 1995 film Strange Days, which depicted anarchy on the streets of Los Angeles on December 31, 1999, few film-makers have so far attempted to represent millennial fears. But now a glut of films is on the way to guide—or frighten - us towards the millennium. And the world has nev-

stable, on celluloid at least. First up is Darren Aronofsky's brash, low-budget debut m, a near-future piece of prophetic madness. Not strictly a millennium film, it nonetheless harnesses an impending sense of millennial paranoia through its protagonist, the reclusive mathematician Max pursued by Wall Street bro-kers and Hasidic Jews, both convinced that the numerical code he has uncovered can unlock the stock market and Kabbalah texts respectively.

Aronofsky, who does not subscribe to an end-of-theworld hysteria, envisages the end of the century as a surrealistic distortion, inspired by his childhood. "No matter how much we laugh at the apocalypse and millennial fever. I think some of us have nightmares about it," he says. "As a kid I saw Orson Welles's documentary about Nostradamus. It was about how this mad guy from the Middle East would nuke New York City in 1999. So growing up there I was al-

ways terrified of the millennium." While x can also be read as a universal expression of our lears of technol-

ogy, other films

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lennium as a reference point for examining contempo-rary culture at the end of the 20th century. 2000 Seen By is an international anthology of tenfilms devoted to the millennium. With

each film co-funded by the French company ARTE, the collection was initiated by the producers Caroline Benjo and Carole Scotta, the latter responsible for the Flemish filmmaker Alain Berliner's 1997 debut Ma Vie en Rose, Berliner is one of the directors called on to meditate on the impending cal realist examination of Belgium's cultural, linguistic and political boundaries.

Benjo sees the body of work as a shared set of visions. With films representing five continents. including Abderrahmane Sissako's examination of exile in Africa (Life on Earth), the collective view-



Bleak vision: Riot police are on the streets of Los Angeles on New Year's Eve 1999 in Kathryn Bigelow's 1995 Strange Days, one of the first films to deal with the new milleminin

point appears to be pessimistic reflection. The millennium doesn't mean anything any more," argues Benjo, who partly initiated the project as a response to the growing delirium surrounding the date. My life isn't going to change in 2000, and everybody knows that. I think we're all going to one thing and the end of another. It's time for you to say Well, this is what I think we did with ourselves, our lives, our culture'. If you see it under this light, each film says something of what it means to fin-

ish the 20th century."
Other culturally specific films in 2000 Seen By bear this

out. Indie king Hal Hartley's the Devil in New York City.

The Book of Life, is a controversial retelling of the Book of Reyelation, with an ironic sideswipe at Big Apple life. Tsai Ming-Liang's examination of personal and political insecurity. The Hole, is an environthe accelerated decay of his country, Taiwan.

Midnight, the Brazilian Walter Salles's follow-up to his forthcoming. Central Station. depicts the coming together of a murderer and a potential suicide case. As Sailes points out, it reflects upon the limitations of his own country, a place "that has declined into decadence without ever having

he most prominent film in 2000 Seen By is the Canadian writer-director-actor Don McKeller's Last Night, an apocalyptic look at the lives of on the eve of world destruction. First shown at the Cannes Film Festival when Armageddon and Deep Impact were similarly predicting glo-bal meltilown. McKeller's film

is less sensationalist. "I thought of the practical implications of the event," says McKeller, whose film de-

picts people performing lastchance acts - from bizarre sex to reliving family yuleides gone by. "It's one thing to think, Td fly to Paris and climb the Eiffel Tower. The chances are you wouldn't get that flight: not many pilots would be flying on their last day. I wanted to stick with peo-

carry on regardless." Metaphysical or practical. independent directors appear unable to get past the notion that the world is facing its demise. As Benjo points out: "Each film-maker had difficulty going over the date. Very few of them talked about Janu-

tect themselves and decided to

ary I in the year 2000." Not so for Hollywood, which has finally jumped on the millennial bandwagon. Written by the creators of The X-Piles. The Mark is set to star Will Smith. saving the Earth once again as the planets align at the end of

The British take on the millor, who makes her directorial debut with Fanny and Elvis. A romantic comedy with Ray Winstone and Kerry Fox as a couple expecting their first baby as the millennium approaches, it offers a more homespun hope. Mellor, who created TV's Band of Gold, is more optimistic than most, pre-

2001 to rip us apart.

ferring a down-to-earth look at somebody trying to go about their ordinary life on that night of the millennium". Like Benjo, Mellor sees her

film as an opportunity to reflert on what has happened and will happen in the world around us, but without scaremongering. There's a lot of for one minute planes will drop out of the sky. We watch too much sci-fi. I can't imagine all these horrendous things are going to happen. We can put people on the Moon; surely we can deal with a few figures changing."

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### In the lap of arthouse luxury

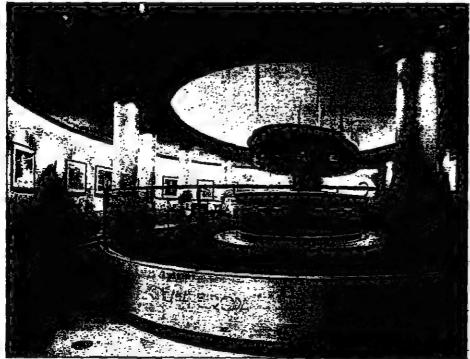
rthouse filmgoers have never been so popular. They are being brought in from the cold — not to mention the dingy. draughty and often smelly to the luxurious, to multiplexes with special auditoriums and programmes shaped to

their taste. Warner Village Cinemas is offering them theatres with large screens and digital sound, where their leather seats recline at the touch of a button, where popcorn and Coke give way to sushi and champagne brought to their individual tables and individual ice buckets. Meanwhile, in partnership with City Screen, Mayfair Entertainment, owner of the Curzon cinemas, has gambled more than £2 million to eschew mainstream pro-gramming in its Shaftesbury Avenue cinema for a threescreen arthouse.

The new Curzon Soho is open from 8am, providing the kind of comfortable, clubby feel that the National Film Theatre had in mind for its proposed West End presence before it had to drop its plans. There is a street-level har serving coffee, beer, sandwiches, magazines and gossip, a basement bistro-style café which doubles as an art gallery, and programming on three screens that covers the arthouse spectrum from nostalgia (such as Capra's It's a Wonderful Life, in the current programme) to cult (like Imamura's The Eel).

Thanks to multiplexes, the 52 million UK cinema admissions of 1984 have climbed to 130 million - but without any serious analysis of who the filmgoers are or what they want. Now cinema owners are not only waking up to the fact that their audiences have grown up, they're realising that they are wealthier, too.

After years of neglect, discerning filmgoers are being wooed with soft seats and sushi. Simon Tait discovers



Melbourne's Jam Factory - "the most successful cinema in Australia" - sets the UK pattern

"People who go to arthouse films care about the environment in which they see their choice of movies, and there is a growth in older audiences." says Mayfair's chief executive. Marc Vlessing, "But we can't afford to commit a single screen for specialist films, so we can open a new release in the bigger 249-seat auditorium and then move it to the smaller 130-seat or 110-seat one to give the film a proper season. We are serving a neighbourhood. Soho, and we intend to open more designed for the neighbourhoods they're in. A lot of people are coming here during

the day to meet people and have a drink without seeing a movie at all. There's an ageing audience in a younger market, and we're in danger of leaving them behind." Does it work? Officially, Curzon says it's too early to tell other than that there's been a "transformation" in ticket sales since they opened early in October, but insiders say they're selling as many tickets in a day as they were in a week.

Warner Village, the new kid on the high street, now has 22 multiplexes in Britain and will more than double that in three years. Among the develop-

ments it is about to announce is a lo-screen multiplex for Nottingham, on the site of the old Evening Post. Two of the auditoriums will be Europa Screens, dedicated to what Warner Village - a partnership for the UK between Warn-

er Brothers and the Australian Viliage Roadshow - prefers to call non-mainstream rather than arthouse, with a bar slanted at the filmgoer devoted to subritles. Two will be VIP Screens, the offspring of a highly successful Australian gamble. A year ago, three weeks before the new Village

Roadshow multiplex was due

to open on the site of a fam factory in Melbourne's trendy Chapple Street, the company suddenly concluded that it was ignoring an older and richer audience and decided on a complete change of tack. In the parlance of our airlinewise culture, instead of con-signing all its customers to tourist class, why not upgrade a significant element to business class? So in four of the 16 auditoriums, two-thirds of the seats were torn out and recliners out in with table service and all the trimmings, plus free popcorn if required. Tickets cost \$25 compared with \$11 for the other screens.

ne year later its project manager. Si-mon Jeffries, is in Britain as Village's European projects manager. The Jam Factory was instantly full and is the most successful cinema in Australia. The says. The Nottingham follow-up for 2000 is the first of many planned "be-spoke" developments, tailored for their communities: Birmingham is to get a 30-screen Star City, also in 2000; in 2003 Battersea Power Station gets 25 screens and 8,000 seats; even medieval Worcester is to

get a six-screen version. "We're offering more bang for your buck, catering for an audience that is cash-rich and time-poor," Jeffries says. "It's not about elitism, it's about as-piration. People will pay more for the extra service in the VIP auditorium where the fuss of getting food and drink is sorted for them, and we also believe that you should be able to watch foreign-language or non-mainstream movies in a dassy. European ambience. Multiplexes were becoming production lines for feeding teenagers action movies, but there is another dimension to the audience."

#### Clunk that clicks

ong at Twilight is far

from Coward's best play. As I observed Corin Redgrave in Sisyphus like combat with some of the most lapidary dialogue the Master ever wrote, I found myself wondering if it is even par-ticularly good. But it has a special importance because it is the piece in which emboldened by the spirit of the mid-1960s, the ageing Coward directly confirmted the great-unpublicised truth of his life. In the person of Sir Hugo Latymer, dramatist and novelist, he wrote directly about the predicament of the homosexual for whom fame and fortune mattered more, much more than emotional candour.

But note that word, "predicament". Latymer is not a self-portrait, nor is Song quite the confessional play some hold it to be. I don't know why Sheridan Morley, who is Coward's biographer as well as di-rector of the highly competent staging at the King's Head, says in the programme he has "never quite believed" the author's claim that he based the play on Somerset Maugham. Latymer lacks Coward's grace. kindness and wit, and has spent his life flaunting a spurious heterosexuality, not least by making the sort of loveless marriage that would have morally disgusted Coward. That suggests Maugham, Maugham



Nyree Dawn Porter does her best to fizz as Coward's Carlotta

Yet Maugham's predicament was also that of Coward, Ranigan, and several other writers impelled by prejudice and a nannying censor to translate homosexual into heterosexual experience. It is a truism that The Deep Blue Sea and Private Lives fall into precisely that category. So if an actress called Carlotta Gray had arrived in his hotel suité, announcing her intention to hand some compromising letters to an American academic with biography on his mind, Coward would not have been vastly more enchanted than Latymer or Maugham. To that extent Song at Twilight

lets light into his secret places. But it is a pretty clunky piece. Even when Nyree Dawn Porters sharp-witted Carlona is exasperating Hugo with old memories, importunate requests and cutting accusations, the language refuses to fizz as it would have banged and fizzed in Coward's 1920s or 1930s. And would even Maugham at his most pompous have answered an innocent remark about feeling the with "that particular form of prescience is rheumatic rather than clairvoyant"? Given so few opportunities for humout. Redgrave falls back on a lum-bering superciliousness, and jupresses mainly when fear and pain touch his half-ossi-

Nevertheless those moments, plus a touching profession of understanding, loyalty and grief from Kika Markham as Hugo's much-misused \*. wife, do give the play some of the eloquence Coward wanted Yes. Latymer's secural libs have cost him and others a lot-But, yes, he is right to protest that "even when the actual law" [against homosexual acts] ceases to exist there will still be a stigma attached to the love that dare not speak its name in the minds of millions line

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### Count's lady sings the blues

he story goes that Car-men Bradford brought herself to the attention of her most celebrated employer, Count Basie, and suggested that he would be missing out if he didn't hire her to sing with his early-1980s orchestra. Her chutzpah paid off: she stayed nine years with the band, winning two Grammies along the way, and subsequently launched herself on a solo career so successful that Holly-

wood has reportedly taken out an option on her life story. It was thus a little surprising to hear her confess to be ing nervous about her first appearance at Ronnie Scott's,

particularly since she treats her audience with the formida-ble combination of strident hectoring and intimate teasing paterned by the likes of her countywomen Oprah Win-frey and Rikki Lake Such nerves were in any case horoughly banished by the time Bradford had romped

through her opening number, Then There Eyes, Hers is a no-monsense, attention-grabbing voice well suited to familiar up-tempo belters such as this, and with a near yet assertive trio - pianist John Rangel, bassist Orlando Le Fleming, drummer Mark Fletcher providing solid propulsion, she was quickly into her con-sidetable stride.

A strong but soutful visit to Maybe September was person-alised by being preceded by the assertion that Bradford's mother — also a singer — made her do her chores to it a skillfully scatted version of Mr Paganini sparked off a string of self-deprecatory anecdotes

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

SIMONE REBELLO

instruments. "I wanted to make percussion more theatrical."

Baskethals? The lads are into basketball and play in rehearsal

breaks. We wondered if we could incorporate the game into our

concerts and quartet member Damien Harron created Re-

bounds, is which two of us drum and the others pick up the rhythm by bouncing basketballs on the stage."

Repertoir: "There's a lack of good quartet percussion music, so we write a lot ourselves. We also play work by people like John

Base drains: She first picked up sticks as a schoolgiri in Croy-

don. Their was a very strong woodwind tradition and I dutiful-

ly signed up for the flute. But after a year on the waiting list. I

thought This is never going to happen and went along to percus-

College, is Manchester. "My tutors — Graham Johns, lan Wright and Dave Hassall —were very influential. Seven years af-

Why does her Portuguese surname sound familiar? She is a

The Backeat motto? "There's nothing we wouldn't do in a con-

Pruition: Sie won two percussion prizes at the Royal Northern

ter graduating, if I'm in a fix I still go to them."

first cousin of the acclaimed jazz pianist Jason Rebello.

n: Percussionist. She is

the founder member of Backbeat,

a percession quartet which has

built up'il strong reputation over the past three years. You can hear

them at the Purcell Room on Feb-

ruary 2, or on their self-titled CD.

What's musual about Back-beat's rhylum method? Instead of just standing behind drums; mar-imbas and imusic stands, Rebello

and her three male colleagues

roam the stage, sing, and use baskethalls and their own bodies as

Cage and Steve Reich."

sion with a friend."

about the number of people including her father, the trum-peter Bohby Bradford — who had warned her not to tread on ground hallowed by Ella. It is ballad material,

though, that provides a singer's acid test. Bradford's controiled glide through the melancholy end-of-relationship lament. Where Do You Start?, while not quite reaching the emotional depths explored in Shirley Horn's version nevertheless provided a highly effective contraint to such greasy, R&B-laced fare as it Ain't No Use, and her quietly contemplative Young and Foolish brought out all the song's mellorus postulois without water low nostalgia without undue sentimentality.

Bradford's forte, however insurprisingly, given the Ba-sie outifits legendary aptitude in the fourth is the blues. Her closing number; a loose, raun-chy telebration of the medium, consequently enabled her to showcase all her considerable talents: her voice swooped and soared; brightly inventive scatted sections justled appeal ingly with vigorous emotional outbursts and sudden ejaculations. By the time she had brought the number to an end with a powerful "That's all!", Bradford had achieved her aim: an exuberant crowd had been audibly uplified.

CHRIS PARKER



### What daddy-o did in the war

Hammerstein Ballroom 2001 suits and flared skirts abound. Dances such as the lindy hop and the jillerbug, scarcely seen in half a century, are being ex-conted with immaculate precision and flamboyant skill. On stage the Brian Setzer Orchestra, with its 13-piece brass section, all of them dressed in green suits behind matching orchestra desks, is blaring out a mixture of swing, jump and jive as if Cab Calloway and Louis Jordan had never gone away. At the bar the only drink to be seen sipping is a fruit-fla-youred martini complete with umbrella. It may be 1999 but it seems

that swing is the thing once again. In an improbable pre-millennium trend, the big band craze is currently sweeping America, as a new genera-tion discovers the excitement of a sound that was last in vogue at the end of the Second World War. Bands such as the Brian Setzer Orchestra, the Squirrel Nut Zippers and the Cherry Poppin' Daddles have sold millions of records in America over the past year. Last month Rolling Stone, still America's rock'n'roll bible, devoted a ten-page special to the swing revival. Later this month, another swing band, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, will be seen by hundreds of millions of television viewers around nothing we wouldn't do in a connothing we wouldn't do in a conAmerican football's Super Bowl.
In Britain, too, swing is tipped to
be the next big thing. Although there

**POP:** Stand by your zoot suits, the big bands are back — and jumping. Nigel Williamson on the Forties sound that's hot in the Nineties

people dancing in the aisles before it became polished and clean and tame. has been little chart action to match America yet, clubs with names like What we do is wild and swinging For-Zoot Suit Riot are opening everywhere and there are now an estimatties music with a Nineties twist." ed 40 dance nights a week around All are agreed that the swing reviv-Britain, offering not only the best in al has no future if it just sets out to swing music, but classes in the accom-

too, led by the Big Six from London, who have just signed a major deal with Mercury Records. "It's a reaction to years of grunge,"
says Jason Moss of Cherry Poppin' Daddies from Oregon, who have sold a million albums in America and

panying dance steps. There is a grow-

made a big impact on their first visit to Britain last year. "The prevailing sound has been very dark and intro-spective for a long time. People are tired of that and want something more exuberant." Big Bad Voodoo Daddy were perhaps the first to draw attention to the swing revival when they appeared in Jon Favreau's 1996 hit movie, Swingers. "We're coming from a jump sound, from people like Louis Armstrong, who played music that was

more raw, more rocking than tradi-

tional swing," says singer and guitar-ist Scotty Moore. "I've never thought

of our music as retro. Swing was originally like punk rock, the early primi-

tive stuff, that big band mambo with

replicate the sound of the past. "If you Swing was like punk rock, the early

primitive stuff, that big band mambo with people dancing in the aisles?

copy what they did 50 years ago it's not going to be bad, but it is doing it just the same," says Setzer who, as the former leader of rockabilly revivalists the Stray Cats already had a reputation as an inventive musical archaeologist. "To make the music viable you have to make it new and you have to make it your own. That's why the Stray Cats were successful in the Eighties. Other rockabilly bands

were stuck in 1956. We gave it a new

lick of paint then and that's what we are doing now."

Like the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, Setzer's album, The Dirty Boogie, went Top Ten in America. The sound is loaded with brass but is dirtier and funkier than the smooth mellifluousness of a Glenn Miller or Benny and rockn'roll all put in that big band thing," Setzer says. "Everyone said: "What are you doing taking big band music from the Forties and adding electric guitar? They said it would never work. Now it's rolling. It's got style, a great vibe and great dances. It's on fire."

etzer, who has also played on albums with Bob Dylan, Robert Plant and Ricki Lee Jones. put the orchestra together in 1993. "They were basically jazz musicians and I couldn't explain how to rock to them so it was initially hard." he says. "But we went on the road for a 50-city North American tour and they soon learnt it hasn't been easy from a business standpoint. The cost of touring with such a large band is enormous and at first there was no radio airplay or music video exposure. We built it up on word of mouth. Once people saw us they would talk about us and that's how it eventually

took off." The orchestra is due in Britain in March. Most of the new generation of

swing musicians are not teenage hopefuls but thirtysomethings disillusioned with the banality of much modern rock music. Steve Perry, 34. of the Cherry Poppin' Daddies, says: "Swing bands are the antithesis of all those tired rock clichés. It's less tortured. There is no reason why swing can't be a viable modern music. Does it all have to be angst? When Count the band was all brassy, it felt like a warm day and everything was going to be all right. What's wrong with that? Swing is probably addressing some kind of need in people right

Robert Austin, Britain's leading promoter of swing and a former dance champion himself, agrees. His club nights attract huge crowds. many of them dressed in full Forties costume. "When the Cherry Poppin" Daddies came to play in London I thought it was the best thing I had seen since the Jam in 1979," he says. "Swing in Britain is really exciting. We've seen what has happened in America and I'm sure exactly the same is going to happen here. It's a wave and you can either ride It or get very wet."

● The Dirty Boogie by the Brian Setzer Or-chestra and Zoot Suit Riot by Cherry Pop-pin' Daddies are both released by Univer-sal Records. Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's al-bum will be released in the spring

VISUAL ART: In Venice, John Russell Taylor stands stunned by the contradictory wisdom of the Ancients

### A masterclass from the Mayas

magne a civilisation so sophsticated that it could still give us pointers on the measurement of time and the movement of heavenly bodies, and yt one whose technology did not include the wheel, and whoe graphic art knew nothing of perspective. Add the fact that all its remains of fer no unquivocal evidence of humour, and seem to exclude completel the gentler feelings of love and tenderness. Something on another planet, maybe? Certailly that is where one often feelsoneself to be in the huge ani glorious Maya show, the latest of a series which ha already filled Fiat's Venice ar flagship, the Palaz-zo Grassi with the Celts, the Phoenicians and the Greeks. But if one feels strange, one

never feel alienated. No belief in interention from outer space is required to fit the Maya int the human race. It is just not quite the human race as we indo-Europeans know it is a measure of the civilisatio's philosophical sophistication that it could comprehend and reconcile oppo-sites without the slightest difficulty, whie in Europe generanons of philosophers strug-gled in van, and struggle still. This may be the reason that for every ategorical assertion

about the Maya and what they did and did not know, there is always at least one glaring exception.

We say they did not know the wheel, and for themselves they did not But their chil-dren's toys often ran on

<sup>6</sup>Throughout

the show the shock of strangeness and of recognition recurs?

wheels. We say that they never discovered perspective, and yet there is one obvious instance in a ceiling painting from Bonampik meticulously reconstructed for this show. where on one side a wounded warrior sprawls up a flight of stairs with quite Mannerist abandon, in full perspective some seven centuries before. the Spanish conquest. It is almost as though they knew everything, but just chose not to bother with some. Even humour and tenderness may per-

haps be seen, although the only tender moment is in a small ceramic where a young woman delicately touches the face of a very old man, and we can only guess at humorous intent in some of the more grotesque figurines... A large archaeological show

like this should preferably satisfy both the specialist and the general public. For the experts in matters Mayan I have spoken to; the first criterion is well met: they are all ecstatic about the depth of the curators' researches, the astonishing way that if some tiny provincial museum in Mexico has just one outstanding piece, it has been tracked down and borrowed At worst there are some quibbles about interpretation.

As far as the wider public is concerned, there can be no doubt whatever. If before entering you knew of the Mava only that they lived in Mexico before the conquest, you could rely on coming out with a clear insight into the history and a vivid feel for the nature of this remote and mysterious culture. Better still, you would have had an unforgentable aesthetic experience.

From that point of view, Mava is probably the best of the Palazzo Grassi's archaeological blockbusters. It might



A ceramic showing an anthropomorphic figure emerging from a flower, found at Jaina Island, Campeche, Mexico

predecessors that they were fascinating in a Brain-of-Britain kind of way, but great art was a little thin on the ground. Here, on the other hand, the simple, monumental design of Agata Toricella Crespi and her

fairly be said of some of its team is perfectly calculated to show off the works included as things worth looking at in themselves, rather than as

mere stages in a continuing

And what wonders it offers the eye. Should one arrive by

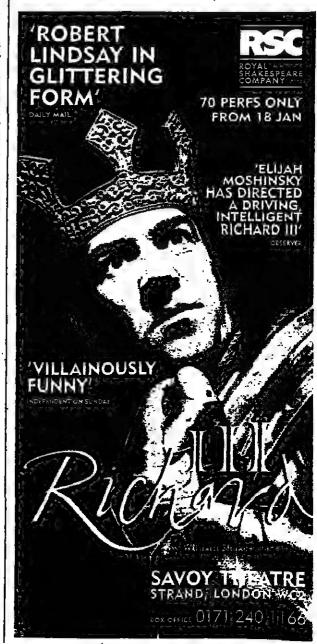
historical argument.

water, the first thing one sees is the Chac Mool reclining fig-ure in stone which so inspired Henry Moore that it set off the great series of reclining figures which were to preoccupy him for the next half a century. Whatever else, it serves to remind us that nothing in art is so remote that it cannot feed something of itself into our own aesthetic mindset.

I hroughout the show the shock of strangeness and simultaneously of recognition recurs. The grander temple sculptures of gods and priests still seem decidedly sinister, but at the same time stagger us with their total-ly confident grasp of contained yet dynamic form. From the largest stone sculpture to the smallest ceramic, one cannot but be impressed with the Mayan sense of proportion, their ability to combine obsessively intricate detail with a daringly simple grasp of the whole to which the detail must

ultimately be subordinated. The show's other big surprise is the richness and variety of the colours in Mayan life and art. Most of even the largest carvings seem to have been brilliantly painted, while the pictures on plates and vessels, the reconstructed murals and the illuminations in manuscripts (represented by photographs, since the originals are too delicate to travel) all testify to the abounding life which surrounded and contained the Mayan obsession with death - very much as it does in modern Mexico.

■ Maya, Palazzo Grassi, San Samuelc. Venice (0039041 522 9875)



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Guide to arts and entertainment complied by Marit Hargle

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THE LIFE OF EDWARD II OF ENGLAND: Andhew Visnevski directs the Cherula Theetre Company in Beroot Brecht's randy seen first soic the Cherus (heavy Company in Bernot Brocht's rank) seen first epic play Siled as a heroic tragedy it chasts the corrupting influence of power while drawing on cabaret, falground entertainment and street bellads. Riverside Studies, WS (D181-237 1111). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. (S)

PLG YOUNG ARTISTS: The first of tonight's two concerts by gifted young musicians learnes the plants stephen be Pledge (Bpm). At 7.50pm Ruth Darby, Marie King and Alon Goldstein play more contemporary tunes by such household names a Sen-Zion Orgad and Graham Hair. Purcell Room (0171-960 4242).

KONTRABANDE: This recently KONTHABANDE: This recently tormed ensemble of countertenor, oboe, the strings and keyboards states as alones shedding fresh light on the must of the 17th and 18th centuries. On the evening's menu are works by Bach, Vivaldi and Handel. Wigmore Hall (0171-985 2141). Tonight, 7-30pm.

JEAN JONES: Opening date for an exhibition of vibrant paintings from the studio of the realist Oxford artist. The show runs in tandem with the tate sale of Lucy Carrington



Yan Pascal Tortelier conducts in Birmingham

Orchestra of Great Britain in a speciacular programme of orchestral showpieces, Opening the evening are wagner's Prelude and Lebegod from Instan und solde followed by works by Debussy, Strauss and Pavel. Symphony Hall (0121-212 3333). Tonight, 8pm. (8)

Sher plays the lealous Leoness in Gregory Doran's production of The Winter's Tate. Estella Kohler plays the canadious Pauline.

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COURT IN THE ACT: 19th-century French farce by Hermequin and Veber catching the lew with its trousers down. Orange Tree (0181-940 3833). THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE The D'Oyly Carte Company brings Gilbert and Sullivan's joyful adven-

tures with pirates, policemen and a modern major-general to the West End. Queens (0171-494 5041). THE TEMPEST: David Calder excellent in Adrian Noble's colourful RSC production from Stratford, Barblean, (0171-638 8891).

E CHICAGO: Maria Friedman in the al of Kander and Ebb's musica CONCK BARTON SPECIAL AGENTS

THE GOLEM: David Surt and Gaye Brown ster in Sylvia Freedman

and Cathy Shostak's upliffing new musical about the man-made monster who runs amok. New End (0171-794 (022).

[] JESUS MY BOY: Tom Conti in John Dowje's littirly amusing com giving Joseph's side of the story. Apollo (0171-494 5070).

N PETER PAN: Justin Salinger in the title role, with David Troughton as Captain Hook, in return of Flora Laint's enjoyable production.

Olivier (0171-452 3000). E THE SNOWMAN: The much-loved Raymond Briggs characters soar in Bill Alexander's joylul production. Peacock (0171-863 8222).

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THE MIGHTY (PG): Endearing tale of two outcast children, one hulking, one crippled, who pool their resources, Peter Chelsom directs Sharon Stone, Kleran Culkin and Elden Henson.

WHAT DREAMS MAY COME (15): Robin Williams wedes through the alterial trying to find his loved cross Technically Gazzing, but sabotaged Technically dazzing, but sabotaged by a woolly script.

THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (U): Splendid artimation, but there's not much for ididises in the biblical story of Moses leading the Israelizes to the promised land, Volce belands include

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ON CONNAIT LA CHANSON (FG): the common participants from the field of the common with a marvellous cast and lip-synched shatches of popular acrigs. Alain Resnate directs Sabine Azisma, Pierra Arditi and André Dusollier.

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early 50 years ago Francis Poulenc declared that "if people are still interested in my music in 50 years' time it will be for my Stabat Mater rather than the Mouvements perpétuels". In fact, he is remembered today, on the eve of the centenary of his birth, for both sides of his creative personality, both the fervent Catholic and the naughty boy, for both the Gloria and Les Biches, both Les Dialogues des Carmélites and Les Mamelles de Tirésias. Except.

that is, in France, where they would apparently prefer not to remember him at all. To the British, Poulenc is typically French, a kind of Maurice Chevalier of the op-

era house or the concert hall. That's why we like him and, the pianist Pascal Rogé says, why the French do not. Rogé, who proba-

bly knows Pou-lenc's music better than anyone, says that "French people don't like the image of themselves that Poulenc sends to

considered as Poulenc, "they see him as superficial while they want to be seen as serious. They want to be Brahms, and they are not made to be that." When Roge tried to get a Parisian promoter to put on a Poulenc centenary series, he was told: "Forget it. The hall would be half-empty." So the most extensive Pou-

lenc centenary celebrations will be in this country, beginning with a long sold-out concert in the Wigmore Hall tomorrow. At a safe distance from the riverside promenade at Nogent-sur-Marne where Poulenc imbibed so much popular music - and which, to the cultivated Parisian ear. is no less reverberant with bad taste now that the guinguettes have given way to Disneyland - we can innocently enjoy his tuneful reminiscences of Mistinguett, Chevalier and Charles Trenet Remembering that as he said, "from my childhood I have loved, without discrimi-

nation, the bal-musette and the suites of Couperin", we can also appreciate his stylistic inconsistencies — the disarming way in which he jostles Mozart with Satie, Bach with Chabrier, Schubert with Piaf, all of them with Stravinsky. The problem with Poulenc. If there is one, is in reconciling the apparently much more ba-

sic split in his personality after

death of a young colleague in a

horrific road accident, he

turned to the Black Virgin of Rocamadour for reassurance, becoming a composer of religious music but without abandoning his playboy side.

Roge argues that "he remained the same, except that another side of himself was opened. It didn't split his per-sonality but made his versatility the more astonishing. You must accept him as a whole. If you take away either part, the serious or the non-serious, you destroy him. If one part is

erased, you get a pale photo-copy of what he really is." Having recorded not only the complete piano music but also all the songs, Roge is far more likely to see consistency

in him than contradiction. Although like the composer gards the songs as the most important area of Poulenc's creativity, Roge believes that "everything Poulenc wrote has character and personality. It's never dull. And it's very pare his first piano

them". Ignoring the perpetuels, with serious works, which are not the last ones. Although they are more mature, you can still feel Poulenc's style, humour and melancholy. Everything is there from the beginning."

Roge's first contact with Pouienc was when, at the age of six, he was turning the pages for his organist mother in a performance of the Concerto for Organ, Timpani and Strings. "It was a revelation. It was more than 25 years before I played a note by Poulenc at the Paris Conservatoire he didn't exist - but when I did, it all came back to me."

his no doubt explains why another of the alleged problems with Poulenc, which is his reliance on other composers for stylistic models, scarcely seems to exist for Roge. Poulene described himself as "madly edectic" and even wondered whether, if Stravinsky hadn't existed, he would have been a composer at all. But if you fall for the Organ Concerto (shamelessly synthesized out of Stravinsky) before you know real Stravinsky, your attitude will be rather different.

"Poulenc's music is more emotional than Stravinsky's," Roge says. "It is a matter of personality. You can recognise Poulenc after one bar. It's been said that he used everyone's harmonies to write music like no one else's. That's true. He developed his own language, his own harmony, his own way of treating the melodies."



There has always been a feel-ing that Poulenc had it too easy. Born into Parlsian high society, indulged by influential women no less than by men of a similar sexual persuasion like Cocteau and Diaghilev, never neglected in his lifetime, he is deemed not to have suffered enough. "He's paying for that now," says Roge. "It will take another 50 years be-

fore all that is forgotten." But, whatever happens in Paris, we don't have to wait that long. There is an extraordinary wealth of music readily available, its apparent artlessness transcended by its charm and its elegance, its strength of character derived not least from its composer's courage to be himself even if being himself meant being someone else. "After all," as Rogé says, "music is made for enjoyment, to bring happiness to people. I think Poulenc did that better than anybody else."

 Pascal Rogé plays Poulenc at the Wigmore Hall (0171-935 2141). Jan 31 and Feb 8. Yan-Pascal Tortelier conducts the BBC PO in Poulenc in the Bridgewater Hall, Manchester (0161-907 9000). Jan 23. Opera North stages La Voix humaine at the Grand, Leeds (0113-222 6222) from Jan 22

### New year, new talents

has been picked to the is upon us: it must be PLG time. Sure enough, the Park Lane Group's 43rd season kicked off on Monday with the first batch of gifted young mu-sicians. So distinguished is the roll-call of previous PLG participants that competition is intense. This year 15 sets of artists have been chosen from more than 200 candidates. All recitals are being recorded and Radio 3 will broadcast a

selection on January 22. As always, the players are expected to offer contemporary music, and programming and presentation skills are given due attention. Both the London City Brass Quintet and the planist Nicholas Hagon gave challenging programmes with not a turkey in sight, with the possible exception of Justin Connolly's Cinquepaces, whose ungrateful sonorities gave the Quintet little chance

to shine. All it did was mercilessly to expose ensemble when it was less than perfect. Stuart Macrae's Among the

Stones was equally demand-

ing in that respect, but its:

brooding atmosphere was graphically descriptive of the Orcadian brochs that inspired it, and skilfully realised by the group. Ensemble and solo work were severely tested, occasionally detrimentally, by Richard Rodney Bennett's Commedia IV, but there was some. good sense of the theatrical inter-relation that characterises the piece. Best of all was Lutoslawski's Mini Overture, a gift of a work for an ensemble as accomplished as the London City Brass Quintet.

Nicholas Hagon took noeasy options either, but the works of the four composers he tackled were well contrasted and showed different aspects of his musicianship to advantage. Ligen's Studies are far more than virtuoso vehicles and No 4 in particular,

with its syncopations reminis-cent of Thelonius Monic drew a light touch from Hagon.
Julian Anderson's Finde No

whose mood was nicely caught. The jazzy intersper-sions of Sofia Gubadulina's Chriconne perped idiesyncratically out, though Haton's finest moment came if the climax to the loclandic omposer Hallgrimsson's Honage to Mondrian: a geyser-ike eruption sustained with thrilling rhythmic propulsion

the Portuguese pertussionist fine playing here too, and a Pedro Carneiro framed works for marimba by Joao Pedro Oliveira, Nigil Clarke and Graham Fitkinhvith the harder-edged Bongo-D by Roberto Sierra and Brian Ferneyhough's Bone Alphalet, rising well to the demand of each. Oliveira's Crystal hyramids, receiving its UK premiere, effectively explored arrange of dynamics and texture, while Clarke's Tangaroa (Luropean premiere) evocative j conjured the sounds of the South Seas.

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### Iender can take possession with no order

Rop.gealach v Barclays sion of mortgaged property by peaceable entry and without first Befor Lord Justice Henry, Lord Justi Chadwick and Lord Justice

Judgent December 18]

A magage lender was entitled to exerce its common law right to nake ossession of a mortgaged dweig bouse without first obtaining court order. The protection ved to the borrower by section of the Administration of Jus-tice-1 1970 only applied where the kder had brought an action for risession.

Ti Court of Appeal so held in a appet by the borrower, Seoirse Tretar Ropaigealach, against the decip of Mr Justice Longmore on 1/130, 1997 in the Swansea Dis-fricting stry of the Queen's Bench-Divon upholding the striking out Deputy District Judge Ellis of haction against the defendant. Barrys Bank plc, for determina-tions whether the bank had been ential to take possession of his hou and sell it without having firsthained a court order. Stion 36 of the 1970 Act pro-

briss an action in which he clair possession the court may is possession in the court may ingo (a) adjourn the proceeding (b) on giving judgment, or mang an order, for delivery of possision of the mortgaged property. (i) stay or suspend execution the judgment or order. Anthony Scrivener, QC and

Misorman Joss for the borrower, Mi: Elizabeth Gloster, QC and Mplichael Sullivan for the bank. DRO JUSTICE CHADWICK aithat the appeal raised a point if a, of section 36 of the 1970 Act

obtaining an order of the court.

It had been unnecessary for the judge to decide whether the bank had, in fact, gone into possession of the borrower's house and the court had to approach the appeal on the

basis that that question of fact had not been resolved. Section 36 was expressed to apply where a lender brought an ac-tion in which he claimed possession of the mortgaged property.

Where the conditions in subsection (I) were satisfied the court was. given powers, by subsection (2), which could fairly be described as

procedural, in the sense that they were only capable of being exer-cised in the context of existing proceedings in which a claim for possession was made. But, the burrower had said, Parment could not have imended that the protection against eject-ment which the section was plainly intended to give to borrowers in re-spect of their bornes should be ca-

spect of their bonnes should be ca-pable of being frustrated by a lend-er who resorted to self-help; that was to say, by a lender who ob-tained possession by entry without the assistance of the court. Accordingly, he submitted, the section must be construed in such a way as to make it unlawful for a lender of take possession of a dual. lender to take possession of a dwell-ing house except under an order of

It had never become clear in argument how, by any interpretation of the words actually used, that re-sult could be achieved; but that ob-jection had been brushed aside as unduly recinical. What mattered, it was said, was that the court should give effect to the purpose for which the section had been plainly enacted.

The genesis of section 36 was not in dispute. In Birmingham Citi-zens Permanent Building Society v

upon which a mortgage was based was that the court had no power to refuse, or to suspend, an order for possession spught by a lender who was otherwise entitled to enter by

virtue of his estate. That decision had put an end to a practice which had been developed by the Chancery masters under which mortgage possession summonses were adjourned to give the borrower an opportunity to pay by instalments. It was plain that section 36 had

been enacted in order to deal with the problem which had arisen fol-lowing Caunt; and which had been the subject of examination and recommendation by the Payne Committee in Enforcement of Judgment Debts (1969) (Cmnd

There was nothing in the circumstances leading to the enactment of section 36 which provided any foundation for a submission that it had been intended to deal with a different problem, not then identified, arising from entry without an order of the court.

Nor was there anything in the language of the section itself which lent support to that submission. If the section had been intended to deal with the problems arising from entry without an order of the court, it was inconceivable that the section would have been enacted in The language of the section, as well as the circumstances in which

it had been enacted, lent strong support to the view expressed in the Law Commission Working Paper No 99 Land Mortgages (1986) at paragraph 3.69:

"(a) The court can exercise its dis-cretion [under section 36] only if

Caunt [1962] Ch 883 it had been fore, the mortgagee can deprive the hart atte necessary consequence of the legal foundation to seek some other means of en-In support of the contention that

the court should give what he described as a purposive construc-tion to section 36, the borrower had relied on two decisions on the effect of a comparable provision in section 5 of the Increase of Rent and Mortgage Interest (Resynctions)
Act 1920: Remon v City of London
Real Property Co (1921) 1 KB 49)
and Cruise v Terrell (1922) 1 KB

Those decisions provided no sup that section 36 of the 1970 Act should be given a construction which, on the language used, it could not hear. Remon and Cruise, properly un-derstood, provided examples of the

court constraing statutory provi-sions to give effect to a clearly identiliable purpose by a legitimate process of interpretation.

There was no comparable process of construction by which the words used by the legislature in section 36 could be held to have the effect for which the borrower con-The borrower could derive no assistance from Western Bank Ltd v

Schindler (1977) Ch i). It provided a very good illustration of the principles on which the court acted when faced with the problem that a literal construction of the words used by the legislature would give rise to an obvious lacung or ab-An English judge was not to in-dulge in judicial legislation. Before he could imply words into an Act.

the statutory intention must be plain and the insertion not too big, or too much at variance with the language in fact used by the legisla-

It was impossible to be satisfied

the lender's common law right to take possession by virtue of his estate should only be exercisable with the assistance of the court.

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The only conclusion as to Parliamentary intention that the court could properly reach was that which could be derived from the circumstances in which the section was enacted, the statutory context in which it appeared and the language which was used. All pointed in the same direction.

Parliament had been concerned with the problem which had arisen following Caunt, It had intended to restore the position to what it had been thought to be before that decision and it did not address its mind to the question whether the borrower required protection against the lender who took possesssion without the assistance of the

It was not irrelevant that, at the date at which the 1970 Act was enacted, the borrower who was in occumation had the protection, subsequently replaced in a different and, perhaps, more limited form by sec-tion 6 of the Criminal Law Act 1977, afforded by the Forcible En-try Acts 1381-1623.

It was because it was impossible to be sure that Parliament could not have intended to leave the position as it was, that it could not be appropriate to embark on an investation whether the words which had been used were canable of some other construction than that which they naturally bore.

Lord Justice Henry and Lord lustice Clarke gave concurring Solicitors: Phoenix Walters, Car-

compelling reason, or something which would prevent the desired re

suit, that is, the fair disposal of the

case or the saving of costs, if it was

Interrogatory was necessary if, un-less it was served, it would be im-

possible to attempt a proper liti-

"Proper litigious purpose" meant not just one that was de-fined and easily ascertainable but

also one which was appropriate.

An application under Order 14

would rarely constitute such a

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although in the somewhat unusual scenario of the present case the in-

terrogatories in question satisfied

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Solicitors: Herbert Smith;

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gious purpose.

#### Asylum claim makes deportation invalid peals Act 1993 prevented such a re-

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Sanusi

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Ward and Lord Justice

Ljudgment December 16

The making of a deportation order

against a person after a decision of intention to deport had been issued but while a claim for asylum by him was outstanding was invalid. The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing the appeal of the applicant, Ganiyatu Abake Sanusi, pursuant to leave granted to her by the Court of Appeal on May 22, 1998, to apply for judicial review of the dismissal by Mr Justice Carnwath on May 18 of her application for leave to apply for judicial review against a depor-

order be quashed. Miss Sanusi in person; Mr Ian Burnett, QC and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the secretary of state,

tation order made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department

dated November 22, 1996. The court ordered that the deportation

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said that the point in issue, shortly stated, was that at the time the deportation order was made the applicant had made an application for asylum, and she was not notified that her application had been refused cantil some two and a half months after the deportation order was Her case was that the Home Of-

fice's procedure was unlawful because the language of the deporta-United Kingdom, while section 6 of

quirement being made in the case of an asylum-seeker between the time the claim to asylum was made and the time when the secretary of state gave notice of the decision on

It was commonplace in immigration law that a deportation order came into force as soon as it was signed. The subject of the order was required to leave, and even if he knew nothing about the order, removal directions might be set and he might be detained simply because the order was in force: see section 5 of and Schedule 3 to the Immigration Act 197].

The deportation order had to be distinguished from the decision to tions 15(2) and 18(1) of the 1971 Act and R v Governor of Wolds Prison, Ex parte Samateh (The Times April 17, 1998).

Mr Burnett contended, inter alia, that the words "required to leave" in section 6 of the 1993 Act had a restricted meaning to the effect that, although for all other purposes a person was required to leave the country as soon as the secretary of state signed a deportation order, in the present context the applicant was not so required unti the deportation order was served.

In his Lordship's view, the technique adopted by the draftsman of the 1993 Act placed an embargo, during the period between the making of an asylum claim and the no-tice of a decision on the claim being given to the claimant, not only on removal from the United Kingdom

words in section 6 in the context of The 1971 and 1993 Acts were so closely linked that it would not be proper to construe them in such a way that the same words bore one meaning in one Act and another meaning in the other.

By section 5(1) of the 1971 Act a deportation order was quite unambig-uously expressed, and as soon as it was in force it invalidated any prior grant of leave to remain in the United Kingdom. The applicant might win a Pyr-

rhic victory, since it was the case that even if the original deportation order was quashed the secrerary of state could make another such order immediately without any prior formalities or right of ap-

The court would assume, however, that he would not do so without first giving anxious and careful consideration of the circumstances of her case: she was now nearly 21, had been in the country since she arrived soon after her thirteenth birthday, had done well in her stud-

Both her parents were dead and her elder sister with whom she lived had a home here. She had now been in detention for six months as a consequence of the making of an invalid deportation

Those were matters which the secretary of state would take into account when he reconsidered his decision in the case. They were not matters for the court.

Lord Justice Ward and Lord Jus-

#### Certifying freezing order as a judgment

Normaco and Another v Lundman and Others Before Mr Justice Carnwath

Judgment December [7] An inter partes pre-judgment Mareva order, freezing one of the party's assets, was a judgment which the court had jurisdiction to certify for enforcement and recognition in a foreign jurisdiction.

Mr Justice Carnwath so held in the Chancery Division when making an order on the application of the plaintiffs pursuant to Order 71, rule 36 of the Rules of the Supreme Court certifying the order dated February 17, 1998 made in the ac-

MR JUSTICE CARNWATH

said that the application was made for the enforcement and recognition in Switzerland of a pre-judgment Mareva order. Order 71, rule 36 provided that

the application "must be made ex-parte". It was useful to explain the application of that rule to Mareva

The relevant provisions re-quired the term "judgment" to be interpreted in accordance with section 50 of the Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 and article 25 in each of the Brussels and Lugano Conventions on Jurisdiction and 1982 Act.

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summarised in Dicey & Morris on Conflict of Laws (12th edition (1993) in Babanast international Co

Mareva order. The position was

SA v Bassaine ([1990] 1 Ch 13, 31) Lord Justice Kerr set out the effect of those provisions which made it clear that a Mareva order might be certified in principle provided that it was inter-partes or where the de-fendant had had an opportunity to resist the plaintiff's application. The latter phrase was solely con-cerned with certifying the judg-

His Lordship referred to The Atlantic Emperor No 2 (1992) I Lloyd's Rep 624) and said that it was dear that he had jurisdiction

Solicitors: Palmer Cowen.

#### Serving interrogatories before discovery complete ty", but had to mean a strong or

Core de Chile v Metallgeselthaft AG Ltd and Others Bere Judge Colyer, QC (Jigment November 23)

The was no absolute rule precludinibe service of interrogatories be-for the completion of discovery er/or the exchange of witness nerrogatories could be served

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were they were necessary for dis-ping fairly of the cause or manteor for saving costs. An interrogary was necessary if unless it we served, it would be impossible tottempt a proper litigious purpe, which could include the prepation of an application for sum-my judgment under Order 14. pylded the interrogatories them-sees were not objectionable as a

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hudge Colver, QC, sitting as an altitional. Chancery Division, tige, so held allowing an appeal in the plaintiff. Corporation. Naoler of Deputy Master Mark re-dring the withdrawal of tertain berrogamnies served by the plaine on the third defendant, Mr. bligging Becker, on the ground for to the completion of discov-e and/or the exchange of witness

stements was premature, Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Antiny Robinson for the plaintiff: M. Kenneth MacLean for Metallesellschaft AG and Metalleesellschaft Ltd: Mr David Donaldson, QC and Mr Paul Goulding for HIS LORDSHIP said that the

plaintiff, a company wholly owned by the Chilean government which produced and traded in copper, al-leged that the three defendants con-spired to pay a bribe of \$1.5 million to the plaintiff's future manager our of the plaintiff's own funds by inflating the premium paid to the second defendant, the UK subsidiary of the first defendant, by that amount and cooperating in the diversion of that sum to the futures . manager's personal bank account:

in the Cayman Islands.

The essential question on this appeal was whether the interrogatories served on Mr Becker, a metals trader employed by a subsidiary of the first defendant and the first dethe pistoner agent in its dealings with the pisingil, were necessary either to disposing fairly of the matter or for saving costs. While the statement of claim

covery was still in its early states and no date had been set for the exchange of witness statements.

Mr Geering contended that costs could be saved and the eventu-al-trial shortened, if not avoided al-

ingether, by interrogating Mr Beck-er as to the salient facts now. er as to the salent tacts now.

Relying on Attorney-General v
Gaskill ((1881-2) 20 Ch S19), he
pointed out that as Order 38, rule
ZA of the Rules of the Supreme
Court explicitly recognised that in

terrogatories could affect whether and to what extent witness statements were necessary, a fortion, Order 38, rule 2 recognised that, al-beit in rare cases, interrogatories might properly be served prior to the exchange of witness state-

The interrogatories in the present case were not oppressive. The questions, although numerous (over 150 in ail), broke down into three distinct series, and in many instances were capable of short and immediate answers. It was at least reasonably possi-

ble that the answers to the interrogatories might shorten or even dispense with a full trial, or at least make some of the further discovery If the answer was: "I do not know. I was not there and did not

authorise such a step", then that, could very easily be deposed. The privilege against self-incrim-ination means that the defendant could decline to give a substantial ries could not be put see Spokes v The Grosvenor and West End Railway Terminus Hotel Company Ltd (1897) 2 QB 124).

His Lordship rejected the sub-missions of Mr Donaldson, based on Hall v Sevalco Ltd (1996) PIQR 344), that the openly declared objective of the plaintiff in the present application, namely to prepare for and mount an application for summary judgment, could not consisitating the Interrogation of Mr Becker to obtain information or admissions which were likely to be contained in the pleadings, discoverable documents and/or a witness statements.

If interrogatories were legiti-mate in preparation for trial there was no reason why they could not be equally legitimate in preparation for an application for summary judgment, provided that the case had the makings of an Order 14 case and was not objectionable as a fishing expedition. The present case did have sufficient Order 14 potential. Mr Donaldson contended that

in the modern procedural context, the interrogamries were prema-ture: see Det Danske Hedelskabet V KDM International Ltd ([1994] 2 U Rep 534): Hall v Sevalco Ltd and UCB Bank plc v Halifar Ltd (unre-ported, CA, June 10, 1997).

However, the observations of Mr Justice Colman in Det Danske Hedelskabet, approved by the Court of Appeal in Hall v Seva notwithstanding, Order 26, rule I did not say: "After discovery and the exchange of witness statements a party may serve interrogato-ries...". It would be wrong to read those words into the rules. Each . case had to be considered on its own facts by reference to the Order 26, rule 1(1) criteria of necessity.

"Necessary" was an ordinary English word with a range of meanings. In the instant context it could not mean "absolute necessi-

#### the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters and set out in Schedules I and 3C to the Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Stephen Phillips for the plaintiffs. The words of those provisions

to certify the judgment.

### No legal privilege for iniquity

Dual Aluminium Co Ltd v Sand Reyadh Abdulla S. Næcr Al Alawi and Others Befe Mr Justice Rix

Duoment December 3] Evence obtained through criminair fraudulent cooding by pri-vaturestigators employed by so-licits for use in and relevant to is. suen litigation was discoverable andot protected by legal profes-

N Justice Rix so held in the Qua's Bench Division, in allowingiscovery under Order 24, rule 7 of it Rules of the Supreme Court of norts and documents relating to restigations into the financial affas of Mr Al Alawi.

[bal Aluminium Co Ltd (Dubailted Mr Al Alawl, among others,) respect of his conduct as its sale manager between 1984 and 199 Mr Al Alawi sought dis-chage of a Mareva lasset-freezing chaec of a Mareva [asset-treezing]; injution imposed together with an iton Piller [search and seize] ord on July 28: 1998, on the groad, inter alia, that in investigarg his finances and assets. Du-hal ad employed agents, Page As-socies, a firm of private investigatorsyho had acted in contraventionf the Data Protection Act 1984

or viss banking laws.

Iwas accepted by Dubal that sucdocuments were relevant and diswerable but it was alleged that leg; professional privilege attached to them. It was accepted by

Mr Al Alawi that prima facie such privilege would attach to them, but for the fact that they were part of or relevant to criminal or translulent acts or purposes, or acts or purposes which were otherwise iniqui-

tous.

The court made the following orders by consent and upon the giving of certain undertakings and
cross-undertakings: (i) Mr. Al Alawi was given unconditional leave
to defend on the first claim; (ii) Dubal withdrew the second and third claims; (iii) the Mareva and Anton Piller orders were discharged.

Mr Mark Pelling for Dubal: Mr Clive Freedman, QC and Mr Alan Gourgey for Mr Al Alawi. MR JUSTICE RIX said that it had to be recognised that there was a clash of principle and public ina clash of principle and public in-terest. There was strong public in-terest in legal professional privi-lege. There was also the public in-terest, no less strong, in combating crime or fraud and in protecting the victims or potential victims of

There was also the public interest, reflected in Kuruma v The Queen [1955] AC 197, 205), in my-ing cases on relevant evidence in

the attempt to arrive at a true and just determination at trial.

still more recently-becoming clearer see the advice issued by the Bar Council in July 1997 "The Data Pro-tection Act 1984 and the Bar" and Gee on Mareva Injunctions and Anton Piller Relief (4th edition

(1988) 121). It seemed to his Lordship that if investigative agents employed by solicitors for the purpose of litigation were permitted to breach the provisions of such stanutes or to inchalge, in fraud or impersonation lge in fraud or impersonation without any consequence at all for the conduct of litigation, then the courts would be going too far to sanction such conduct.

However, there was the sanction of any prosecutions or civil suits, and those must always remain the primary sanction for any breach of the criminal or civil law, But it seemed to his Lordship that criminal or fraudulent con-

duct for the purposes of acquiring evidence in or for litigation could not properly escape the conse-quence that any documents generand by or reporting on such con-duct and which were relevant to the issues in the case were discover-able and fell outside the legitimate area of legal professional privilege. In his Lordship's judgment, the Kuruma principle was consistent with that view rather than against it. That principle was concerned with vindicating the truth with the aid of relevant evidence rather than excluding such evidence on the ground that it had been improperly come by. That principle could not be said to require privilege even where crime or traud had been committed to obtain informa-

Ultimately it seemed to his Lordship that criminal or fraudulent conduct undertaken for the purposes of litigation fell on the same side of the line as advising on or setting up criminal or fraudulent transactinct from the entirely legitimate professional business of advising and assisting clients on their past conduct, however iniquitous.

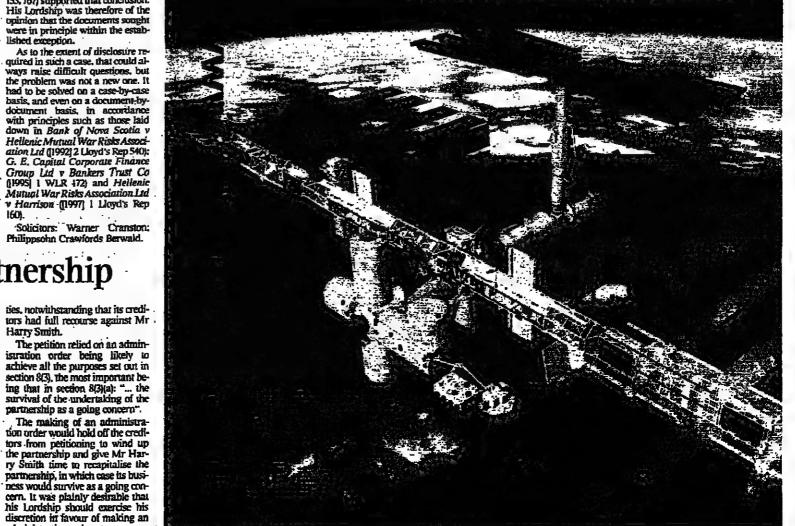
The Queen v Cox (1884) 14 QBD 153, 167) supported that conclusion. His Lordship was therefore of the opinion that the documents sought re in principle within the established exception. As to the extent of disclosure re-

quired in such a case, that could al-ways raise difficult questions, but the problem was not a new one. It had to be solved on a case-by-case basis, and even on a document-by-document basis, in accordance with principles such as those laid down in Bank of Nova Scotia v Hellenic Mutual War Risks Association Ltd (1992) 2 Lloyd's Rep 540); G. E. Capital Corporate Finance Group Ltd v Bankers Trust Co (1995) 1 WLR 172) and Hellenic Mutual War Risks Association Ltd v Harrison (1997) 1 Lloyd's Rep

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### Order ensures survival of partnership

Inc H. S. Smith and Sons Bere Mr Justice Park

[Jugment December 7] A utnership was unable to pay itsebts, so as to qualify it for the disctionary making of an administtion order under section 8(1) of thansolvency Act 1986, as restated in thedule 2 to the Insolvent Partnethips Order (SI 1994 No 2421), nevithstanding that the value of thessets of one of its partners excels its liabilities.

or Justice Park so held in the Cincery Division, in making an actinistration order under section 8( in respect of a family farming panership comprising Harry Sea-book Smith. Frances Smith and thr son, Ivan Smith, which was tent of a farm of which Harry Sith was the freeholder.

Mr Glen Davis for the partner-ship no creditor appeared or was represented.

MR JUSTICE PARK said that the restated section 8(1) provided that before the court could make an administration order in respect of an insolvent parmership:

1 It had to be satisfied that the partnership was unable, as distinct from likely to become unable, the trum many up decome unable, or was deemed to be unable, to pay its debts as they fell due, or if the value of its assets was less than the amount of its liabilities see section: 224(1)(d) and (2) of the 1986 Act. 2 It had to consider that the making of an order would be likely to tion of the first condition above? achieve one or more of three pur-

poses: i) the survival of the undertaking

or part of it as a going concern:

rangement under Part I of the 1986

fiii) a more advantageous realisa-tion of the partnership's property than would be effected on a wind-

Of critical importance, and a major difference from insolvency of a company, was the personal liability of each of the partners for the partnership's debts; in particular Mr Harry Smith, having contracted to sell part of the land and agreed, subject to contract, to sell a cottage, could comfortably pay off those debts.

- Did that fact preclude satisfac-

His Lordship thought not. The partnership itself was unable to pay its debts and the value of its as-

sets was less than that of its liabili-

istration order being likely to achieve all the purposes set out in section 8(3), the most important being that in section 8(3)(a): "... the survival of the undertaking of the partnership as a going concern".

The petition relied on an admin-

Harry Smith.

The making of an administra-tion order would hold off the creditors from petitioning to wind up the partnership and give Mr Harry Smith time to recapitalise the partnership, in which case its business would survive as a going con-cern. It was plainly desirable that his Lordship should exercise his discretion in favour of making an administration order.

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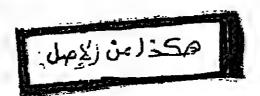
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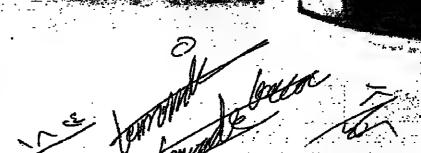
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Rachel Kelly reports on the proposal for the Land Registry that will end the property price guessing game

### Your biggest investment is no longer a secret

be the same again. able to know the price that sellers originally paid for their houses and the putative profit that they could enjoy.

Such juicy figures and an inti-mate knowledge of our neighbour's bank balance will fuel our national obsession with house prices and the joys of making more money by watching the wallpaper than by going out to work.

Ministers are expected to an-mounce shortly that henceforth the Land Registry, the government body that records property transactions, will soon include the price paid for a property alongside de-tails of its registered title, mortgage and conveyancing.

Potential buyers could apply for a copy of the title, or if they have online access via the Land Registry direct access service, view the entry from a computer.

The reforms are part of Labour's manifesto commitment to freedom of information, and have been the subject of discussion since 1983 in the run-up to the opening of the Land Registry to the public in 1990.

They are also part of the Governments wider aim to reform the housebuying process, which is currently the subject of a consultation paper at the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. Providing such informa-tion could be included in a logbook or sellers' pack to be assembled by sellers before putting a property on

Should the reform be implemented, England and Wales will mirror the Scottish system where property prices have been a matter of public

used in England until 1976 when prices were included on the Land Registry, but since the Registry was not then open to the public, the prices could be disclosed only by per-

mission of the owner... Then the system was abused by solicitors, who often erased the previous selling price. The lawyers ar-gued that if buyers could see how hugely the house price had risen.

they might try to renegotiate.
Others argue that the price paid in a property transaction is essentially a private affair and is not in the public domain, and thus should not be the Government's to disclose. Certainly, the number of

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process is a good thing. It will make valuation easier'

igents whose clients are obsessed with confidentiality clauses bears witness to the desire for secrecy about what is for many their biggest financial transaction.

Many lawyers still oppose the re-forms, and have been lobbying the Lord Chancellor's Department to make their views known. So do some agents, such as David Parry, from Cluttons Daniel Smith in Maidstone. "Such an idea is an invasion of privacy," he says. "Property values can rise or fall in very

the wrong picture."
But most estate agents and sur-

veyors have broadly welcomed the move and they are right to do so. The changes will see an end to inflated claims by irresponsible agents about how much a house is worth, only to win the commission

Ultimately, says Guy Foster from Friend & Falcke, the London estate agents, the reforms will steady the housing market and restrain prices from galloping away from reality in an inflationary boom, which economists now agree has damaging effects on the wider

More information in general leads to more efficiency and such figures would be useful in terms of tracking the reality of what is happening to actual prices, rather than relying on the research of commercial organisations such as the Halifax and the Nationwide Building Society. It would help, too, in fraud

This should make the property market more efficient," says a spokesman for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, which has campaigned for change. "Such information is already free-

ly available in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and many European countries. The experience of openness in all of these countries is that personal and commercial privacy has not

been compromised. Nor has the

information been misused."

Willie Gething, from the buyers' igents Property Vision, says: "Anything that demystifies the housebuying process is a good thing. It will make valuations easier and will leave less room for economic



Those were the days: flashback to the time when homes could be bought for a few thousand pounds

guessing." Indeed, many switchedon buyers already try to find out as much about other sales in the area or the street in which they are interested, and such comparable sales are an essential element of the services provided by buying agents who do their best to assess values

But property experts also caution that the figures need to be used with care. Guy Foster notes that if a buyer can call up the Land Registry and find out all the house prices within the same street, this could complicate negotiations.

He says: "The Land Registry will not record the condition of a properthe size of rooms or its internal

Richard Lambert from the British Property Federation echoes concerns that the information could be misleading. Finer details of deals such as rent-free periods or methods of payment such as share

To have to answer "yes" or "no to the proposals is to oversimplify the issue, Mr Lambert argues. Rather he wishes to see the proposal, which does have men't, fine-

swaps do not have to be included.

Willie Gething points to other complications. In the country, many homes are registered in two parts: for example a rectory might be registered separately from some land or a cottage. Government figures could be misleading.

He says: "They may read that there have been no property sales of more than £2 million in Wiltshire in the past year, whereas we will know of maybe three or four sales. The reason is that the sales included land or outbuildings which were recorded separately from the

r Gething notes, too, that there could be leasehold extensions which mean that prices are not necessarily comparable.

He says: "A house sold with a

50-year lease a few years ago may now be for sale with an extended

The message is that if prices are published, such figures need to be treated with caution. The approach may not add to the

gaiety of dinner parties, but should

CHRIS EVANS. owner of Virgin Radio, has bought a flat in Wilton Crescent. SWI. The ground floor and basement flat was sold on a short lease for about

THE home of Sir Alan Glyn, the late Conservative MP who was also a soldier. barrister, doctor and expert on international affairs, is being sold by Farley and Co for £3 million. Seventeen Cadogan Place, SWI. consists of a main house and mews house, both in need of refurbishment According to Dick ens in Nicholas Nickleby. Cadogan Place was the contocratic pavements of Belgrave Square and the barba-rism of Chelsea".

C FUNTINGS, in Kirdford, West Sussex, a 17th-century Grade II listed house, is for sale. The house has five bedrooms and lies in 130 acres of pasture. Among those who have rented the house are Liam Gallagher and Patsy Kensit, Browns' Cranleigh office is selling the house for

□ ALAN LEVY, the founder of the London Toy Museum and New Cavendish Books, is renting his flat in Stanley Gardens, SWII. The flat is packed with model trains, art, books and all kinds of gadgetry. The flat is for rent through Chards' Campden Hill Road office for £1.350 a week.

THE Grade II listed Geor gian house of Angela Billing ham, Labour MEP for North-amptonshire and Blaby, is for sale. The Ivy House, Adderbury, Oxfordshire, has five bedrooms and a cottage garden and is for sale through Lane Fox for £355,000.

□ ALAN CLARK'S former home at Town Farm House in Bratton Clovelly, Devon. where he lived before becoming an MP, has been auctioned for £167,000 through

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### Co-ownership scheme set to fail the poor

change a housebuying scheme that has helped 50,000 people on to the first rung of the property IOW-paid buyers creating sustainable communities." ladder.

Those who quality for help now, particularly Londoners and those from ethnic minorities, may soon be stuck in rented homes that are

The do-it-yourself shared ownership scheme (DIYSO), a homebuying incentive introduced by the Conservatives, also helps murses and teachers whose low salaries make them unable to buy on the open

It allows a buyer to pay between 25 and 75 per cent of a new home, with a subsidised rent on the rest. If, for example, you took out a mortgage for 50 per cent of the properly's value, the lower rent on the rest could in effect make the property 30 per cent cheaper than with a 100

per cent mortgage.

But last summer the Government said DIYSO would be scrapped this year in favour of a new scheme called Homebuy. where buyers would need to pay at

least 75 per cent of the cost.
It is effectively an interest-free loan of 25 per cent. Steve Coleman, of the Notting Hill Home Owner. ship Trust, is in favour, but, he believes, it only offers an improved deal to people who are better-off.

Fifty-seven per cent of people who used DIYSO with Nothing Hill Home Ownership Trust would not be able to afford Homebuy. Housing associations campaigned for the Government to change its mind and in November, Hilary, Arm-strong, the Housing Minister, said she would keep DIYSO. But from April it will be financed by local councils rather than the Housing Corporation.

There is no extra money going to the councils and campaigners are worried that next year the scheme, in practice, will be cut, especially in the capital.

Sue Ellenby, the head of the Nasue Ellenby, the nead of the National Housing Federation in London, says: "We were concerned about DIYSO being abolished as it allows people on lower incomes to own homes. The Homebuy scheme is not as accessible, particularly for those in London and the South East where property prices are high.

"Soon local authorities funding DIYSO will be pushed to make difficult decisions with limited funds. At the end of the day we are still arguing about a lack of resources to meet the range and level of need for affordable houses."

Realistically, DIYSO could be extinct in five months and London would be hardest hit.

would be narcest nit.

Steve Nun, of Tower Housing Association, deals with boroughs in southeast London. "Southwark, Bromley and Greenwich are unlikely to earmark much money for DI-YSO." he says. "They have other things they would rather spend this money on. As a result, some people will be stuck in the housing trap." Last year his association helped 250 people to get housed under the

#### A plan to help to find cheaper homes may backfire, says **Senay Boztas**

old government scheme or find accommodation in shared home ownership flats. In the case of apartments, a housing association buys or renovates a complex. Then pro-spective purchasers usually pay for half of their property and rent the rest: They can gradually buy the whole home, but unlike DIYSO. they cannot make their own choice of homes on the open market.

But even the shared home owner ship schemes are not always suitable in Buckinghamshire for example, many local people cannot afford to buy property in expensive prownfield developments and new shared home ownership blocks cannot be built on green belt land.

Many projects are overbur-dened Last year in London, for every person who found a place, nine were unsuccessful. There were more than 55,000 inquiries for 5,000 properties: Many waiting lists are years long.
Fourteen of the 20 most deprived

local authority areas are in the capital. At the same time more than 120,000 households are in severe housing need because of dangers in their current homes, according to a London Pride Partnership survey.

Nick Ronald, the chairman of the Liondon Home Ownership group, says a cake that is already small will have to be even more thinly sliced. Councils will have to split funding between three sorts of hous-ing relief — DIYSO, shared ownership and the new Homebuy

money on urban regeneration and he says. "In West London, where my Bush Housing Association works, I do not think boroughs will. fund DIYSO.

"There is going to be a problem here. Since some areas are so expensive, low incomes for London can range from £12,000 to £25,000. There will be people caught in low quality bousing and unable to get

He says ethnic minorities may be hit particularly hard. Last year these families accounted for 40 per cent of DIYSO users.

Councils may have more cash for housing generally from Labour's capital receipts initiative, letting them use money from the sale of council houses during the Eighties, but this is also used for repairing and building more social housing.

uncan Bowie, of the Lon-

don Housing Corpora-tion, says: For the first time we are leaving it up to councils to decide where to spend their mon-ey. Some may well back more renting instead of DIYSO. Early indications suggest fewer councils will use the Homebuyer scheme. We are in discussions now to find out." The future of the scheme is uncer-tain. It may still be available next year in boroughs such as South Buckinghamshire; but many are

Sychrava, of the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust, believes it will be obsolete within two years. This year's funds are going fast. Even people racing to buy under DIYSO now may be disappointed. Both Tower Housing and Bush associations have stopped advertising

because their money has already

worried it will disappear. Permy

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The DIYSO scheme provided a passport to "desirable" and expensive Piralico for Marc Lewis

Actor Rupert Procter is enjoying his new role as homeowner, he now pays the same in mortgage payments as he previously spent on rent

#### A FOOT ON THE LADDER

MARC LEWIS, a conneil worker. spent four years lodging with friends before DIYSO helped him to begin buying a home of his

The social policy research offic-er from the London Borough of Barnet earns just over £20,000 a year. But that was not enough for Inner London property. Thanks to the DIYSO scheme, he now lives in Pimlico, southwest Lon-don, just behind the Tate Gallery. Mr Lewis, 43, says: "I wanted to live in Pimlico where I was stay-ing with friends. I liked the area, but it is considered 'desirable' —

so buying and renting are probibitively emensive." He moved into an £85,000 one-bedroom flat in late April, after

gaining approval from his hous-ing trust in February. To buy his flat in the Millbank Estate he took out a mortgage with monthly payments of £460 to

Now he pays £108 a month in rent to the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust and believes this is cheaper than private renting although his monthly spend has doubled since his days of sharing. He says: "I was eestatic when I moved into an area that is safe

and pleasant. It has everything. London's attractions are within half an hour's walk. The scheme gets people on to the housing lad-der and I would recommend it." He says DIYSO may not be right for people with special needs

or those who do not want a mortgage. He also warns of additional costs - surveyor's and legal fees were higher than he had expected. "I had the costs budgeted virtual-

ly to the penny, but it still cost me more. For someone more financially strapped it could have been

#### A SENSE OF STABILITY

upert Procter, a 36-yearold actor, feels very lucky to have benefited from DIYSO. He saw homelessness looming when his sister and her husband - with whom he lodged - wanted to start a family. He tried to move from their Wandsworth home but could not get a mortgage.

"Acting is notoriously unstable," he says. "You can have no work for two months and then a well-paid television job. 1 was on £16,000 a year and had saved £6,000, but Bardays was still suspicious."

He had nearly given up hope of buying a £69,000 two-bedroom cottage in Tooting when a fellow actor told him about the Notting Hill Home Ownership Trust

Spending all his savings on a mortgage down-payment with the Nationwide Building Society and solicitor's fees, Mr Procter got an "unbelievable deal" from the asso-ciation, which lent him the remaining £34,500, to be paid back at a rate of £120 a month.

With monthly mortgage repayments of £160, he is paying the same as he spent on rent - but now he has a home of his own.

"Getting my own home has been change for the better without a doubt. It has made my life more complete," he says.

Now, with roles in television programmes, including Peak Practice, and earnings of £25,000, he is considering "staircasing": gradually buying a bigger share in the cotage eventually to own it outright. DIYSO was the starting point,

and Mr Procter feels that even contemplating abolishing the scheme is disgusting. He believes it is a way for people to make their lives

### Safin's leap forward put on hold

FROM ALIX RAMSAY IN DOHA, QATAR

FOR a man who hates to travel, Marat Safin has come a long way, but unfortunately it does not seem to be doing him much good. Hailing from Moscow by way of Valencia -he has lived there for live years, training with the vast contingent of young Spanish hopefuls - he now tours the world trying to live down his reputation as the next big thing waiting to happen in

Tennis will have to wait a little longer, as yesterday he lost to Hicham Arazi in the first round of the Qatar Mobil

Since Safin defeated Andre Agassi and Gustavo Kuerten at the French Open last year. announcing his arrival in the big time, his life has changed. Now there is fame, fortune and, worst of all, expectation to deal with, and it is all prov-

ing a little too much. His Spanish colleagues all talk warmly of Safin; he is a lovely chap. they say, one of the boys, lots of talent, a thoroughly decent sort. But ask how far he can go and the Spaniards shrug their shoulders. Well, he is Russian,

so who knows?

And therein lies the problem. When Safin is happy he is stunning, but he can slump from happy to glum in the twinkling of an eye and then everything starts to go horri-

Safin is 6ft 4in of bludgeoning groundstrokes wrapped in voluminous shorts, while Arazi is a diminutive 5ft 9in of improvisation and guile — but

they are perfectly matched. The Moroccan, too, is a staggeringly gifted player plagued by an unerring habit of throwng away the most promising

LONDON RENTALS

of leads should the mood take him. One of the tour's nicer

helped by the pursuit of his two favourite hobbies: girls and nightclubs. Yesterday was a bad day for both men. Each was trying to be more inconsistent than the other and, against a fellow master of the craft, that required some thought. Safin, as is his wont, refied on brute force, walloping his first serv-

personalities, his tennis is not

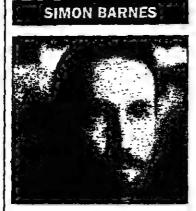
ice and trying to knock holes in the court off both flanks. Unfortunately, the power was undermined by the lack of direction and, as he sprayed the ball wide and long, he just about managed to be more consistently inconsistent than Arazi and go out 1-6, 6-3, 7-6. It was a tough day for the Russians. Yevgeny Kafel-nikov, the No 3 seed, was almost undone by the little-known Stephane Huet, a qualifier from France, but saved the day, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Like Safin, Kafelnikov does a good line in glum, and yesterday he had every cause to be less than happy. He played some truly appalling tennis for the first hour before digging in for an untidy scrap. With more than 200 ranking places separating them. Huet eventually realised his position in the pecking

order and gave way.

The weight of the world seems to sit heavily on Kafelnikov's shoulders. He regards his bulging bank balance as no more than another thing to worry about, and while fatherhood has calmed him down this time last year he was nursing a knee injury after a skiing accident and singed eyebrows after some high links with a firework - it has done little to

lift his spirits. He now faces the hugely folly Arazi in the next round, a fact that is unlikely to bring a

### How fleeting the taste of glory



Midweek View

he best bit of sport we have had this entire year was Darren Gough's hat-trick: the following 51 weeks will have to go some if they are to produce something as good as that. It had sporting excellence, with three quite extraordinarily good balls. It also had a splendidly likeable athlete doing the doing.
What is still more, the hat-trick of-

fered that most wondrously satisfying thing, a feeling of someone getting his own back on life. On this tour, it seemed that a convention had been established whereby no Englishman ever caught a catch off Gough's bowling. The hat-trick was the reward for that especially admirable kind of bloods winded courses. ble kind of bloody-minded courage, the kind that comes to the fore in the face of quite terrible luck, awful disappointment and the failure of just about every one of your team-mates to back you up consistently. It was great stuff, part of two spier-

didly satisfying Test matches, games made the more memorable for the three hugely depressing England performances that preceded them. But I was reminded of another hattrick, not so long age: one that spelt out quite wonderful hopes at the time. And which all ended in tears, some of them shed during this partic-

ular Test series. Dominic Cork performed that most glorious and melodramatic of cricketing feats against West Indies in 1995. It followed his sensational entry into Test cricket two matches earlier: seven wickets in an innings. when he was at the heart of the first England victory of over West Indies at Lord's since 1957. A man, it seemed, made for the making of cricket history.

Then came the match in which he made an unbeaten 56 and then did the hat-trick. Wonderful stuff. And well. Cork has never been the same



Gough celebrates the greatest moment of his career in the Sydney Test

since. There is, sometimes, something about the most extraordinarily high achievement that seems to knock the stuffing out of a person.

Cork has been a sad figure on this tour, useful only for getting up Aus-tralian noses. His most memorable contribution was to provoke the big-gest grin of the series, from Glenn McGrath after be had succeeded in hitting Cork with a bouncer.

Still on the winter's cricket, we have the figure of Brian Lara, who has never recovered from the brief eyeblink of cricketing history in

which he was the greatest player that ever lifted a bat. After his Test match 375 for West Indies against England, he scored 501 for Warwickshire, and for a brief few weeks scored a hundred just about every time he went out to bat.

He has been something of a disaster ever since. He has hastened the decline of West Indian cricket, disrupted the present squad and led the team to disaster in South Africa. It is not that be has never matched his own highest achievements, for no. one could. The fact is that perform-

ing them destroyed something in him - good sense, humility, ambition, balance, proportion, whatever. These days Lara reminds me of the old joke about the Corkman who had an inferiority complex. He believed he was just the same as everybody else...

Ian Botham was another who was

— if only partially — destroyed by his

own greatest achievements. His 1981 series against Australia was probably the dramatic individual contribu-tion to the changing of the course of a Test series. And though the flame was to flicker on and off for the rest of his career. Botham the man was never quite the same afterwards. Something of the same is true with Gazza, after the glories of the 1990. World Cup. It is the football that the

'Gough's hat-trick offered the feeling of someone who was getting his

wise person remembers, not the tears the speed of thought, the wit, the invention, the wonderful strut-

own back on life'

ing cockertainty.

I know the Cup Final injury did much of the de-Gazza-ing of Gazza-but perhaps that wild and loony tack-le with which he injured himself was itself part of a wild and loony search for lost glories. And Michael Owen? Well. We will have to see if his 25

paces of perfection have destroyed something in him. We can only watch and wait. There is something about these dizzy peaks of achieve-ment that reminds me of Edmund and the Turkish delight in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, the wonderful C.S. Lewis fairytale. Edmund is given the sweets he most wanted by The Wicked Witch.

"She knew, though Edmand did not, that this was enchanted Turkish delight and that any one who had once tasted it would want more and more of it, and would even, if they were allowed, go on eating till they killed themselves." But Edmund did not get any more Turkish delight and it was this — the having once tasted and never again tasting —that turned him totally and completely

Question: is it better to have never tasted, than to spend the rest of your life missing what you can only ever taste but once? Well, one thing is for

#### Lara is left open to dangers of home rule

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FROM IVO TENNANT IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN (fourth day of five): West Indies, with four second-in-nings wickets in hand, need 328 runs to beat South Africa

THE discipline that Clive Lloyd inculcated in his players when he cap-tained West Indies is not so apparent now that he is their manager. Needing 421 to beat South Africa in the fourth Test here, they lost six wickets for 93 and were fortunate that the extra half-hour was not claimed.

A recurring problem for West Indies during the series has been that they have not been given a proper start to their innings. Lara has had to cope with the new ball too often for their liking. Murray is no opener and nor has Wallace looked the part. He was out for a duck, to a bizarre

was our for a cluck, to a matter scooped shot to mid-on off Pollock, kallis had Murray leg-before and Chanderpaul was brilliantly taken left-handed by Culliman at first slip. Hooper's timing was as pleasing as ever until he dragged a ball from the streams and leave the Kallis on to the stumps and Lara was beaten in the flight by Adams. It would be churlish to be teo criti-

cal of a man who has scored 110 and an unbeaten 88 in addition to taking five wickets, but for Kallis to make only 13 runs in an hour after lunch was a surprise.

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-51, 3-31, 4-125, 8-174, 8-190, 7-222 80MLNG: MoLean 151-53-3; Gibson 14.4-2-51-0; Dillon 17-2-37-2; Hooper 28-8-52-2; Chenderpaul 12-1-29-0. WEST MINES: First Irvings 212 (C L.Hooper 86).

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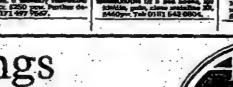
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open to dangers

THE TIMES WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6 1999 England's late improvement unable to mask inferiority complex against dominant home team

### Familiar failings advance cause of new generation

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

WHEN the dismay subsides, along with the briefly inflated hope, England will be left with only the stark realities of this Ashes series. For all their planning and preparation, certain things have scarcely changed. In areas of technique, and across the broad span of cricketing resources, Australia remain mark-

edly superior.
What England have belatedly achieved here, to the great credit of their coach and captain, is a striking improvement in character under pressure. Adversity now. seems to bring out their fight. rather than their fatalism, and there is no disputing that Australia were given a considerable scare over the last two Tests. .

Quite why it should take the direst of situations to stir England to such heights, though, is their enduring trustration. Certainly, Alec Stewart, the captain, cannot explain it. "If I could, we'd have done something about it long ago,"

he said sadly.

Stewart, while proud of his players' resilience in the final formight, would wish nobody to be fooled by it. He is aware that until Christmas, when the series began its wholly unexpected finale. England had been

woefully second-best and that it was only the fortuitous elec-. tric storm on the last afternoon in Brisbane that prevented them from being 3-0 down before the fightback began. Indeed, their last-day perform-

ance in Hobart, against an Australia reserve side exhorted to believe they were playing in a sixth. Test, was so pitiful that Stewart and David Lloyd, the coach, considered it the worst day of England cricket they have been associated with. It was that day, and its aftermath

both here and in England, that accelerated speculation over the future personnel of team management. It will continue over a period of months, as the initiatives of an England committee now chaired by Brian Boius become clearer and . the idea to appoint a full-time gener-

is possible that the England team

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necessarily improve the environment - now unrecognisably unified - or the playing results.

Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board, has been in Australia for the heady end-ofseries days and made some interesting observations. On the eve of the final Test, he arrived at the Sydney Cricket Ground as the learns were in the nets. He murmured aporeciatively about the facilities in Australia before surveying England's Test record and saying: "It's no good us being fifth, sixth or seventh in the world. We have to be in the top two." He is wise enough to know there was a connection.

Every Australian state ground has splendid, off-ground net pitch-es that mirror conditions in the middie. Most English counties have no proper nets, away from their playing area, so they cannot practise at . all while a game is in process. The difference in attitude that this represents is profound and is one good reason Lloyd fancies a shot at coaching an Australian side.

Australian facilities do not end

Certain problems remain as great as ever?

> with nets, any more than their cricketing culture ends with sledging. The infrastructure of assistance available to players is impressive and the fact that England are now beginning to imitate it is another thing that can be credited to Lloyd.

The coach, however, has not cured an air of falliblity whenever Australia appear on the fixture list, and he knows it. Senior players now acknowledge that a degree of subconscious defeatism has been present in Ashes games and that a new generation may be necessary to contest the next Australian series

It certainly seems unlikely that Michael Atherion or Angus Fraser al manager takes shape.

By the end of the calendar year it and it would be no surprise if their "pair" for England and Fraser bowled unthreateningly and, eventually, not at all.

Fraser has lost the nip that gave his metronomic accuracy its extra dimension. Atherion's problems have been partly technique, partly ill-fortune and chiefly a back condition that is recurring with ever

Graham Thorpe's departure for home, after only two Tests, was a dreadful blow for England. He, too, has long-term back trouble that does not bode well in the maelstrom of international cricket. There are several others for

whom this has been a distillusion ing tour - John Crawley, Robert Croft and Dominic Cork ameng them. Ben Hollioake, justifiably chosen as an all-rounder of poten-tial, has regressed, but Alex Tudor, the wild card, has the makings of an impressive cricketer if his suspect body stands up to the strain. Certain problems characteristic of all recent England teams remain as great as ever. The bowling of

spin is in crisis; it must be if Ashley Giles was the best that could be produced from the hat to rival Australia's introduction of Shane Warne.

Wicketkeeping is in a scarcely healthier state. If Stewart's latest switch back to opening is to be sustained. Chris Read, the A team wicketkeeper from Nottinghamshire, may play Test cricket before the end of summer.

But there were some shining positives from this tour, four of them in particular. Nasser Hussain and Mark Ramprakash batted with conviction and consistency. Darren Gough has never bowled better or faster and Dean Headley, having looked as if the series would pass him by, took 19 wickets in the last Gough was the talisman, his

beaming face and bursting biceps the measure of English pride, but the progress of Hussain and Ramprakash may be more significant. Late maturers - almost contemporaries of Atherion yet-somehow seeming years younger - they may Test careers ended in Melbourne. If : at last have the self-esteem, and the man of selectors, too, along with a an otherwise inappropriate fare considered when the captaincy the match, Taylor said he hoped to made a pair and Australia lost a new coach. That, however, will not well, for Atherton made his only becomes vacant.

The match and the match and the captains of modern captains, those classic battle by one wicket, he has dired. That is how Taylor is regard-since the war, he is among the best



Taylor holds up the Ashes trophy after Australia had beaten England in Sydney to secure the series 3-1. Photograph: Clive Mason/Allsport

### Taylor triumphs in the long run

baggy green cap on the final day of this last Test, and he wore it for a purpose. The sands of time are shifting for Taylor, who may refinquish the Australian captaincy after the forthcoming tour of West Indies, and, as he said, if it was to be his last Test on narive soil: "I wanted to make sure I was wearing the right outlit."

"Doing things right" is the phrase that best describes Taylor's leadership of a side that has become, under his stewardship, the strongest and most accomplished in the world. Whoever succeeds him later this year will have a splendid bequest. There is quality, depth and balance, but it has taken a clear-sighted and independent captain to release its full potential.

He has lost only two rubbers, in Pakistan and India, where the locals can be hard to conquer on slow, turning pitches. His 26 winning Tests include series victories, home and away, against England, South Africa, West Indies and Pakistan. In that time Australia have become the dominant modern side, skilful, resilient and appealing to watch, not least because Taylor has sought to win every game.

Michael Henderson salutes the Australia captain, who has become one of the greats

an oblique comment on which he declined to elaborate, except to say: "I said the same thing last year." However, nobody doubted that this was his farewell in Australia. and he goes out as a six-times win-ner against England, thrice as plain mister, thrice as captain. He took his leave with the digni-

ty and modesty that one expects from him. On the field he does the right things, handling his men with skill. Off the field he says the right things, which is not as easy as it sounds. Michael Atherton, an intelligent man who knew he had to show a more sympathetic face to the world, could not do it.

Taylor is equally adept at field-ing awkward questions. Even during that dreadful run of form two years ago, when he could not buy a run, and critics demanded his head, he never scowled - not in public, at any rate. As captain he bats for his side: he also bats for

He has been lucky, that much is true. Successful leaders often are. Since a poor first Test as captain in Pakistan five years ago.

been blessed. Five winning tosses this series is not an insignificant fact. But he has made his luck, and has taken advantage of those favourable moments, being bold when boldness was required, and shrewd when it was wise not to declare his hand.

He is modest, yes, but that does not mean he underplays his own efforts. This is a man who has made 7.500 runs in Test matches going in first, and not many Test openers manage that. He has now held more catches than anybody in the history of Test cricket and he pointed out that he set the record with a good one, low down off McGrath.

o say that Taylor has enjoyed his cricket against England is hardly to gild the lily. Six of his 19 Test hundreds have come against them, five in England, including that career-saving 129 at Edgbaston two years ago when another failure would have compelled him to stand down. Players in dressingrooms all over England, watching his innings that day, joined in the

player and a man's man.

Though the end is approaching for him, and one or two others, he does not worry about the team. "It depends on how well we can fill the players to do it. We are producsome very good cricketers. Whether they are of the same Test hardness, only time will tell."
Steve Waugh, the senior mem-

ber of the Test team, will resume his leadership of the one-day side for the forthcoming triangular competition — although he will miss the first two games because of a slight hamstring tear — and he will captain Australia in the World Cup. But when the Test baton changes hands, Taylor expects Shane Warne to be in a position to receive it. Despite the recent brouhaha linking Warne with an Indian bookmaker, Taylor said: "I still see him as one of the candidates."

Taylor made an unlikely candidate when he presented his interna-tional credentials ten years ago. He did not hit the ball like other. more obviously gifted batsmen. In fact, he did not look an athlete at all, being tubby and slow. But the race is not always to the swift, and Taylor has proved himself the most sure-footed of men. In the

#### FINAL SYDNEY SCOREBOARD

Austraka won toss: ALISTRALIA: First Invince \*M A Taylor & Hick b Headley (13mm, 8 bals)
M J Stater e Hegg b Headley
(62mm, 35 bells, 2 lours)
J L Langer
e Rampraizesh b Tudur

(54min, 39 balls, 2 lours) M E Waugh e Hogg b Headley (294min, 205 balls, 10 lours) S R Waugh b Such

Wangh b Such (201min, 171 balls, 10 fours) Letwinson e Hussalia b Tudor 32 (44min, 37 balls, 5 fours) Health e Henry b Growth 14 † I A Healy e Hegg b Gough (48min, 28 balls, 1 four) S K Warne not out

(1mm, 1 ball) G D McGrath e Hick b Heartley (2mm, 2 bells) Extras (fb 2, nb 9) Total (87.3 overs, 373min). Total (87.3 overs, 373min) 322-FALL OF WICKETS: 14 (Stater 1), 2-52-(Langer 26), 3-52 (M E Weaugh 0), 4-262-(M E Weaugh 91), 5-284 (M E Weaugh 101), 6-319 (Healy 14), 7-321 (Waine 1), 8-321 (Waine 1), 19 3-3-62-4; Tudor 12-1-84-2; Such 24-6-77-1; Ramprakash 15-0-58-0.

M J Slater c Hegg b Headley 123
(27 mm, 189 balls, 3 shels, 11 fours)
M A Taylor e Stewart b Gough 2
(30 min, 25 balls)
J L Langer libw b Headley 1
(11 min, 5 balls)
M E Wangh

(79man, 60 balls, 4 lours); D S Latimanni c Crawley b Suc D S (atmain a Crawley b Suc (12min, 8 bells) † I A Healy e Crawley b Such. (36min, 25 bells) S R Weagh b Headby

(37min, 29 balls, 1 four)
S K Warne c Ramprelcash b Such...8.
(24min, 12 balls)
S C G MacGet c Butcher b Such......6.
(46min, 24 balls)

Total (64.5 overs, 287min) \_\_\_\_\_184

(2mm, 2 bats)

England

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16 (Select 14), 2-25 (Select 22), 3-84 (Select 37), 4-73 (Select 46), 5-91 (Select 59), 8-110 (Select 70), 7-341 (Select 93), 8-180 (MecCall 6), 9-184 (MinRer 3).

BOWLING: Headley 19-7-40-4; Gough 15-3-51-1; Such 25-5-581-6; Todor 5-2-8-0. ENGLAND: First Innings

† W K Hegg b Miller (52min, 50 bells)

A J Tudor b MacGill (43min, 40 bells, 2 burs)

D W Headley c McGrath b MacGill (25min, 20 bells, 1 bur)

D Gough flow b MacGill (2min, 2 bells)

P M Such not out 0

Gmin, 4 bells)

Extras (0 & 0 & w 1, no 4). Total (80.1 overs, 327min)....... 220 



8-213 (Headley 1), 9-213 (Headley 1). BOWLING: McGrath 17-7-35-2; Miler 29-6-45-2; MacGill 20.1-2-57-5; Warne 20-4-67-1; Second immes

M. R. Ramprakash o Taylor b McGrath...

(39min, 25 bells, 1 four)

J P Crievicy flow b Miller
(22min, 14 bells)

1 W K Hegg e Heely b MacGill
(10min, 10 bells)

A J Tudor b MacGill
(20min, 31 bells)

D Gough not out. (19min; 16 bals, 1 four) P M Such c and b MacGM.

ms (10 5, w 1, nb 3)... FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57 (Stewart 28), 2-77 (Hussein 5), 3-110 (Hussein 21), 4-131 (Hussein 53), 5-150 (Hussein 47), 4-157 (Heiselin 51), 7-162 (Moor 2), 8-175 (Heiselin 12), 9-180 (Gough 1)

SCORING NOTES: Fourth day: Lunch: 175-7 (60 overs, 245min, Tudor 3. Headley 12).

Umptree: R S Durne (New Zeeland) and O B Hear. Third temptree S J Teutel Match referee: J R Read (New Zee-land).

SERIES DETAILS: Piret (Brisbane) Drawn, Second (Perh) Australia won

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ALSO BATTED: DS Lehmann (4 inse, 46 tune); A T Porting (4 inse, 47 tune); CR Millor (4 inse, 17 sains); M Nicholaen (2 inse, 14 nass); G D MicCashi, S prite, 15 nass); J Nicholaen (2 inse, 14 nass); S K William (2 inse, 10 nass); MS Kasprowicz (1 inse, 0 nass)

ALSO BOMLED: 8 K Warrs 37 10-116-2 M S Kasprowitz 37-10-110-2 RT Porting 4-1-10-0

MacGill: 12 wickets SERIES AVERAGES McMillan shuts door on

M A Butcher at Heady b Warne 27
(60mm, 47 balls, 3 fours)

2A J Stawart at Heady b MacGill 42
(63mm, 55 bels, 5 fours)
N Hussain e and b MacGill 53
(163mm, 131 balls, 2 fours)

48 Stawartanech

(25min, 21 bels)

D W Headley a Healy b MacGili....16

(25min, 23 bels, 2 fours)

(10min. 12 helis) Total (66.1 overs, 257min)...

Attendance: 27,754. Total match attendance: 142,282. Match sward: S C G MacGill.

Drawn. Second (Perth) Australia won by 7 wicketa. Tahrd (Adalake) Australia won by 205 runs. Fourth (Melbourne) England won by 12 runs.

India BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

HAMILTON (fourth day of five): New Zealand, with four second-innings wickers in hand, are 273 runs ahead of

CRAIG McMILLAN and Adam Parore put New Zea-land in command of the third and final Test of the series against India yesterday. Their 140-run partnership — a fifthwicket record for New Zea-land against India - enabled their team to reach 323 for six in their second innings by the end of the fourth day, giving them a lead of 273. That put the march almost beyond india and a draw would give New Zealand the series 1-0.

New Zealand scored only 44 runs in the two hours before lunch and, in the process, lost four wickets. McMillan and Parore, however, occupied the crease throughout the second session to completely alter the course of the innings.

McMillan drove with pow-

er and punished anything short. He faced 102 balls and hit 13 fours on his way to making 84. Parore was content to play second fiddle, his half-century arriving off 120 balls and including six boundaries. McMillan and Parore even-

tually departed in quick succes-sion; but Chris Cairns and Dion Nash carried on the good work by adding 98 in the last 28 overs. The second new ball failed to restrain them as the Indian bowling fell away. Second Innings

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D McMean c Mongie b Singh.

C Panne t Singh b Kemble FALL OF WICKETS 1-46, 2-59, 3-78, 4-65, 5-226, 8-226.

BOWLING Pressol 27-8-65-1; Snight 15-2-77-1; Smeth 20-8-2-1, Kumble 34-9-82-1, Tentuksir 7-0-30-2; Gargoty 3-1-3-8.

TIMKAT a. A biscuit h A festival c. A bearing SEELING a Blinding

b. Aquatics

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent Brian Jackson, an experienced rubber bridge performer, showed me this unusual hold-up play.

Dealer North Love all Q O 0 Q763 4 AKJ642 ▲ J109765 Ø 1098765 CA3 0 A1085 S **▲ D83** ♥ KJ42 ♦ KJ2 4 Q87

Contract: Three No-Trumps Doub I don't think West should bid one was never going to be the over One Heart. One Spade has no pre-emptive effect in this sequence, and if North winning play - if it held the trick, East would later get in to play a spade through

becomes the declarer in a suit contract it may result in East giving away a trick on the opening lead. Make West's hand Al10976 and nothing declarer's queen.

Try the effect of ducking the jack of spades in both hands. If West has AJ109xx, that cuts the communications. It also cuts the commuelse, and One Spade is a nication when East has Ax of sound overcall. When North-South reach spades. The only time it fails Three No-Trumps, I think it is wrong for East to double. is when West has only five spades, and in that case He has no great surprises for declarer was never going to declarer, and although the make his contract anyway. double encourages a spade

In the play-off to aid selec-tion of the next British open lead, most of the time West would do that anyway.

At the table declarer put team, Collings (John Collings, Martin Jones, Gary Hyen, Alan Mould, Stuart and the king of spades on the jack, so East-West were able to clear the spades and declarer was restricted to six tricks in clubs and a spade Gerald Tredinnick) beat Hackett (Paul, Jason and Justin Hackett. Tony But after East's double Forrester, Tom Townsend. declarer should have realised David Mossop) by 18 IMPs. he had two aces. Then playing the king of spades at trick The selectors have not yet made a decision.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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FEED PREP a. Private study b. Oil process c. Calering FISTMELE a. A punch-up

b A distance c. An internal hernia Answers on page 38



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sokolov leads

Ivan Sokolov maintained his lead at Hastings with a draw in the sixth round, since his main rival, Matthew Sadler, faltered and lost to James Plaskett. Sergei Shipov, the early leader, regained some lost ground by defeating Mikhail

White: James Plaskett Black: Matthew Sadlet Hastings Premier 1999 Sicilian Defence

2 Nf3 3 Bb5+ 5 0-0 5 Qe2 7 b3 8 Bb2 9 c4 Ng6 Nf4 Nd7 e5 Bf8 b5 21 Rd1 22 Nb1 23 Nxd6 24 Rxd6 25 c5 26 Nc3 27 Qxg5 28 c6 30 Nd5 31 Bxd4 32 Rd7 34 Rxe7 35 gxh5 36 Rtxf7 h5

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White: Sergei Shipov Black: Mikhail Saltaev Hastings Premier 1999

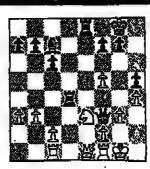
WINNING MOVE:

By Raymond Keene

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Black to play. This position is from the game Ubilava — Van der Wiel, Elgoihar 1998. How did Black convert his tremendous pressure along the central files into a direct kingside attack?

Solution on page 38



ALSO BATTED: D Gough 19 rins, 43 runs), DW Headley (Brins, runs), D G Contr (4 rins, 36 runs), A I Tudor (2 rins, 35 runs), A Hegg (4 rins, 30 runs), A D Multilly (7 rins, 20 runs), A R C France, 8 runs), P M Such (4 rins, 2 runs)

### Wasps aim to get title challenge back on course

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the best-known clubs in London rugby are vying for supremacy in the capital at the halfway stage of the Allied Dunbar Premiership - nor can any of them be discounted as potential winners of the first division. For the time being, however, neither Saracens, Wasps nor Harlequins will look much

further than the next game. At the weekend Wasps and Saracens changed places in the table, thanks to the unexpected defeat Wasps suffered at the hands of West Hartlepool in the bleak North East. They can reverse that situa-

tion when they entertain Saracens at Loftus Road this evening and, if there was any hint of complacency among Wasps at the weekend, there will be none now. "West Har-tlepool played particularly well and we played particular-

Toulouse surrender their grip on trophy

BIGGER and better than its equivalent last year. The Times Trophy has thrown up an unlikely quarter-final lineup with three of the semi-finalists from last season, includ-ing both finalists, failing to progress from the pool stages (Michael Aylwin writes).

The tournament, contested by the leading university rugby clubs in Europe, is notoriously difficult to predict. with such a high turnover of players from year to year, but there were nevertheless some eye-opening results from the opening round.

Toulouse, the holders, so comfortable last season, have already capitulated to University College Dublin, the dominant force of Irish university

ly badly," Nigel Melville, director of rugby at Wasps, said. "It shows you can't afford to

have a poor game in this league and I have no doubt that West will do the same to other teams before this season is through. But I don't have any problem about the big games, about players raising themselves for the occasion."

Wasps stood as firm as any when they went to Vicarage Road in October. They came away with a 31-17 win in a game which - allied to their wayward display against Harlequins nine days earlier caused Saracens far more doubt about their immediate future than September had

depends upon whom he is playing with," Melville said. suggested they should have. We are very pleased with Moreover, Saracens remain Eben and we have Joe Worswithout François Pienaar. ley on the bench, who can act their captain-coach, whose foot injury keeps him out. However, Alain Penaud

rugby. They now go through

to face Brunel, conquerors of

Swansea, the beaten finalists

last season, at the Richmond

Trinity Carmarthen are the only Welsh side left in the

draw after defeats for their

more illustrious compatriots,

Swansea and University of

Wales Institute Cardiff

semi-finals last season. UWIC

lost to Loughborough, who

now travel to the south of

France to meet Grenoble, the

French champions. Trinity

Carmarthen entertain Harper

Adams, who had a resounding

win over Durham, while the

fourth quarter-final sees

University College Cork play

hosts to Northumbria.

(UWIC), who reached the

Athletic Ground today.

as an impact player."

Andy Reed is preferred to Simon Shaw at lock, Simon Mitchell and Darren Molloy

rejoining the front row.

Mitchell is set for a decent run at hooker as Trevor Leota, the stalwart Samoan, is likely to be missing for three weeks after damaging a knee against Gloucester. Paul Sampson. who won such plaudits for the decisive try against Gloucester, gives way on the wing to Shane Roiser.

returns at fly half, having

come through a fitness test

relif to Gavin Johnson, who

returns to his natural position

of full back, from which he

scored an injury-time try

against Wasps ten weeks ago.

captain, from blind-side flank-

er to No 8, a position that he

frequently occupies in the

national side, whatever the

number on his back may say. That allows the inclusion of

Eben Rollitt, who has been in

Where we play Lawrence

good form of late.

Wasps have moved Lawrence Dallaglio, the England

That will be a considerable

yesterday on his "dead leg".

Gloucester have a problem to resolve with David Sims, their captain, who has been omitted from the first XV since mid-November. Sims, 29, has been overshadowed by Mark Cornwell, while Rob Fidler, his fellow lock, has been leading the side.

Sims has been linked with Cardiff and Bristol but has 18 months of his contract remaining and Richard Hill, the director of rugby, is keen not to lose one of his forward assets.

We would like Dave to stay at the club and fight for his place." Hill said.



### Schuback keeps his nerve

A SUPERB take-out from Ian Schuback, who is regarded by bowls enthusiasts as a sort of Crocodile Dundee, turned almost certain defeat into a 7-4, 7-3, 4-7, 2-7, 7-6 victory for him and his fellow Australian, Ian Taylor, in the first round of the world indoor

pairs championship at Potters Leisure Resort on the Norfolk coast yesterday. Having won the first two sets. Taylor and Schuback were pegged back by Rowan Brassey, of New Zealand, and Steve Glasson, of Australia, who won the next two and looked the likely

On what turned out to be the last end. Brassey set up a match lie, but Taylor, the man with the impossibly complicated delivery, trailed the jack expertly to a back position, and settled down approximately 18 inches in

front of the little white ball. Glasson, ranked No 1 in David Rhys Jones watches one of

the most endearing characters

in bowls upstage Australia's No 1

Australia, drew beautifully to restore the match lie, but Schuback, like a master marksman, ruthlessly struck the shot off the rink. Glasson, surprisingly unable to repeat the accuracy of the first bowl, then finished two yards short.

Already holding one shot, Schuback was left with the easiest task of drawing the winner. "Anywhere within two yards would have done." winners when they led 6-5 in he said. "If I'd missed that, I'd have been looking for a rope to hang myself."

Earlier, Schuback, always favourite with the Guild Hall crowd at Preston, and now the darling of Potters, produced an astonishing conversion shot to win the first set, when the scores were level at 4-4. Brassey and Glasson

held a set lie, with three good shots near the jack, when a Schuback bullseye removed all three red-disc bowls, and left three yellow-disc bowls in

a scoring position. Five bowlers from the southern hemisphere participated yesterday: in the first match, Mark McMahon, who lives and works in Sydney, partnered David Gour-lay, of Scotland, into the

McMahon lends a cosmopolitan dimension to the arena: born in Dunfermline. he played bowls internationalfor Hong Kong. He gave Gourlay a good start, matching and often beating les Gillett, The Times! Taylor English Bowler of the Year in 1998, to the jack.

skip, who will be 24 next month, played well enough to suggest he will be a force to be reckoned with in future, and the match looked destined to go the full distance.

The English pair won the first set by the narrowest of margins, and, although they lost the next two, they appeared comfortable in the fourth, only to concede two successive doubles and allow the No5 seeds to case

through, 6-7, 7-5, 7-4, 7-4.
"We played two loose ends, and paid the penalty," Newman, who reached the quarter-finals of the world indoor singles championship last year, said. "It's especially important to be consistent in two-bowl pairs, and they were more consistent than us particularly towards the end of each set."

### SPORT

phantom

Gateshead choose Walters as captain

E RUGBY LEAGUE: Kerrod Walters, 31, the former Australia hooker, was yesterday named captain of the new Gateshead Thunder club, whose first competitive game is against Leeds Rhinosat Gateshead International Stadium in the JJB Super League, on March 7. Walters was in the second wave of imported players. who arrived from Australia permits are still awaited for the last two Australian players to be signed. Brett Green, a forward, and Brett Grogan, a centre. Sheffield Eagles, who failed with two earlier attempts to sign Paul Anderson, 21, from St Helens, have agreed to pay the £10.000 asking price for the utility player.

E CRICKET: Somerset have appointed Jamie Cox, the l'asmanian baisman, as their captain and overseas player for next season. Cox has been the Tasmania vice-captain under David Boon's leadership for the past three seasons. Peter Anderson, Somerset's chief executive, said: "We were looking for a proven top-order batsman with captaincy ability who would be available for the whole season. We believe we have

SQUASH: Two exceptional players emerged from the semi-finals of the CGU British junior open championships at Abbeydale Park in Sheffield yesterday. James Willstrop, a 6ft 3in 15-year-old from Pontefract. defeated Alberto Manso, of Spain, 1-9, 9-5, 9-3, 9-1 in the semi-final of the boys' under-17 championship while Omar Refaat, 14, from Egypt, defeated Dylan Bennett, of Holland, 9-2, 9-4, 9-3 in the boys' under-15 championship.

found such a player."

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RACING: TBA CHAIRMAN CALLS FOR DECLARATION OF VENDOR PURCHASES

### Phantom sales haunt breeders

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

A SKELETON in the curboard of commercial breeding was dragged into the open yesterday, though it would proba-bly be more accurately de-scribed as a phantom. Nigel Elwes, chairman of the Thoroughbred Breeders' Association (TBA), used its annual general meeting in London to draw attention to the masquerade of undisclosed "vendor purchases" at public yearling auctions - which shadowy practice lurks, in his estimation, behind as many as 20 per cent of sales.

It is common knowledge in the bloodstock world that some top vendors enlist satellite interests or agents to inflate the value of yearlings, especially those by a new stallion for whom they wish to create a vogue. Setting a trend will have paid for itself by the time the young horse in question resurfaces to race under its breeder's own umbrella



Since these phantom sales are particularly potent at the elite end of the market, Elwes clearly believes that they land it a veneer of fake gold - as well as coating a corresponding layer

of grime over its integrity.
"The practice of vendors buying back their own horses without disclosing it is most unsatisfactory, particularly as it sends totally the wrong message about the real financial health of the market," he said. 'It is illegal in the art market. but, unfortunately, it is now. common practice, encouraged by the introduction of sales races." (These, lavishly supported by the sponsoring sales company, are restricted to graduates of a particular auction.)

He added: "When this practice is used to boost the value tal point. I think it's wrong you

YESTERDAY'S

RESULTS

12.45 (m) 1, Delight Of Dame 15 Car-son, 11-2; 2, Hornesteed (5-1); 3, Betan (14-1), Sharp Scotch 4-1 av. 12 var.: 4, 3-4; E Wheeler, Tote: 29.30; 22.50; 22.30; 64.70; DF: £26.20; CSF: £35.89. Tricade £412.63.

1.45 (8) 1, Kryestal Max (Kimberley Hart, evens fav); 2, Speedy Classic (7-4); 3, Best of Our Days (16-1); 7 ran. N., 2-3, T Barron Tote: \$2.10; \$1.49, £1.10. DF: \$3.00 CSF: £2.67.

13 U CST: 2201, 2.15 (S) 1, Venito Vibesse (Kimbories: Hart, 33-1); 2 La Piezza (9-4 Hart); 3; Pis-ces Lad (11-4); Barr Beacon (501); 9-4 (8-Ev. 8 car. ½, 11); 1.1 Barrier: Tots: 231,80; 28.80, 21.50, 21.30. DF: 248.90, CSF

2.45 (1m) 1, Pippes Pride (F Norton, 33-1); 2, Clonce (6-1); 3, High Noon (3-1 isv), 12 ren. 2, 3i. M Fernesson-Godley Tota: 532.80, £12.50, £24.50, £24.50, £24.50. CSF: £275.01. Thesis 1974.58.

Placepot: £41.50.

dnot: 27.00.

Lingfield Park



DANOLI, above, will be joining the Irish pilgrimage to Cheltenham this year. The popular II-year-old has been dogged by injury, but will be among the entries for the Tote Gold Cup at today's poon deadline. noon deadline.

Tom Foley, his trainer, is confident that his charge will be fit to take his place alongside a glittering array of stars, led by the King George VI Chase winner, Tecton Mill, and Florida Pearl in the blue riband event on March 17. "We've entered him and he'll definite-

ly be there," Foley said. "It's something I'm looking forward to." Danoli shot to fame when securing victory in the Sun Alliance Novices

Hurdle at the 1994 Cheltenham Festival. But he sustained a serious leg injury when winning the Martell Aintree Hurdle in 1995, and problems since then have made him difficult to train. But Foley reported: "So far so good

with him. He's been ridden out for the last nine days and is fine. The plan is now to go for the Hennessy Cognac

Gold Cup at Leopardstown next month and then on to Cheltenham."

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Foley believes that Florida Pearl another likely participant in next month's Hennessy — is the horse to beat at Cheltenham. "He made a silly mistake when he came down last time at Leopardstown and still has a point to prove, but he's still the one as far as I am concerned," he said. "Teeton Mill looked good at Kempton, but I would question the form of some of the horses that finished behind him."

urge the sales companies to declare vendor purchases, however they may be disguised, so that we can get a proper valuation of the market."

Elaborating his comments. Elwes said: It is obvious that certain foreign and Irish stallion owners are well aware of the attractions of promoting the progeny of their new, upand coming stallions."
He added: "It's a fundamen-

of offspring of stallions, many can have a non-sale recorded will urge the BHB to persuade of which are foreign owned a sea sale of have no problem the Government otherwise mercial stallions in this counback with the concept of buybacks and to press for concessions in try. As it is, there are only 20 bred would be flimsy.

12.50 Walk On By

1.20 GI Blues

1.50 Lord Khalice

GOING: HEAVY

THUNDERER.

12.50 HBLB CHOWHURST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HOVICES

THE ROBE handed testing considers well latest and is open to further improvement at this trip

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Timekeeper's top rating: 1.20 PARK ROYAL

HANDICAP HURBLE (£1,706: 2m 3( 110yo) (9 nunners)

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but I do with the fact that they response to tax incentives avaire undisclosed. My guess is lable to Irish stallion owners. They must surely realise that they're losing huge that 15 to 20 per cent of the horses at the main yearling sales in this country are subject to undisclosed buybacks." Elwes, soon to become the

TBA's first nominated director to the British Horseracing Board (BHB), is anxious that the outside world is not deceived that headlines of record-breaking purchases betoken a thriving market. He will urge the BHB to persuade amounts of revenue through the migration of mares to ireland," he said, noting that British breeders last year paid

In the long term, however, perhaps the interest of breeders needs to be even more urgently engaged by Anthony Stirk, the veterinary expert Ir£16.4 million to Irish stallion who gave a talk on racehorse owners in covering fees alone. injury and death in the context "That ignores the keep of of pedigree and upbringing. mares while at stud in Ireland. His warnings about the conse-I'm afraid this migration will quences to the breed, if stallions offering stamina contincontinue until we make it fiue to be neglected, were as robust as the resulting thorough-

British-based sires standing at

a fee of over £10,000 (mostly

Arab-owned and supported).

#### 2.20 SEVENDAKS HOVICES CHASE

(£2,684: 2m) (6 runners) 1 /14-12 ROYAL TOLST 23 (D.S.) (Also C Essendo) N Henderson 7-11-10 ... No A Pitografid 28 8234/F LITTLE EMETRORD BS (F) (1 Ludding) N Meggendor 7-11-3 ... R Danwood 3 11-506 MONTROE 32 (G.S.) (Also S M. Ludel) N Bloom 7-11-3 ... R Danwood 4 0P14- SEEFIANI HENRY 228 6F-S) (C Tesson) N Stora 6-11-3 ... C Lienethyn 5 12P14- GERSKO, DU COCHET 215 (Essperio Patrestro) MS 1. Recients 5-11-8 J A McCarly 6 112-15 TRESCR DE MAU ST (B.G.S.) (Loe Marron) M Pipe 5-11-8 ... A P McCary BETTING: 7-4 Tassa De Mar, 9-4 Royal Tossi, 5-2 Movime, 12-1 Galgoti Du Cochet, 14-1 Siberun Henry, 33-1 Littig Statland.

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TRESOR DE MAL gets the vote in receipt of a useful weight-for-age allowance from Royal Totals.

#### 2.50 HORLEY MARDEN HURDLE (£2,257: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

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12.40 PRESTON TOWER MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,402: 2m) (15 runners)

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1.10 PINKE HELL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (\$2,248: 2m) (11)

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2.10 AULD REEKIE HAHDICAP CHASE (£3,597. 2m) (7)

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5-74 F MARRIE MAN 11 (CD.F.S.) M Pail 9-10-8 Mr J Crowley (S) 126
5-132 SRIARTS CELEGHT 56 (R.D.F.G.S.) R Atten 11-10-7 A Dobbin 1998
6-1421 YMM74TE 11 (D.F.G.S.) M MCCON 7-10-5 . M. Johnson 108
7-261P SIGMAR NUN B2 (V.D.C.) J O'Shea 16-10-0 Michael Brasman 126 5-2 Azpeta, 17-4 Start Deligia, 4-1 klubev Punce, klarbie klan 10-1 Golden Hello 17-1 Noto-No-No-20-1 Segma Bus.

#### 2.40 MILLER HILL MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,851: 2m 4f) (12)

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#### 3.30 HURRICANE HANDICAP (£3,583: 1m 4f) (8)

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#### 4.00 BLIZZARD SELLING STAKES

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4.30 MONSOON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,775: 5f) (8)

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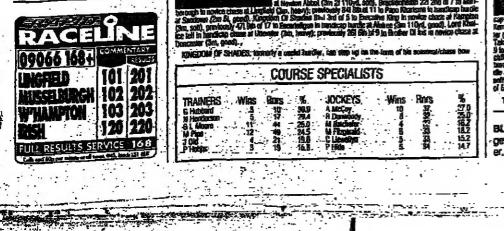
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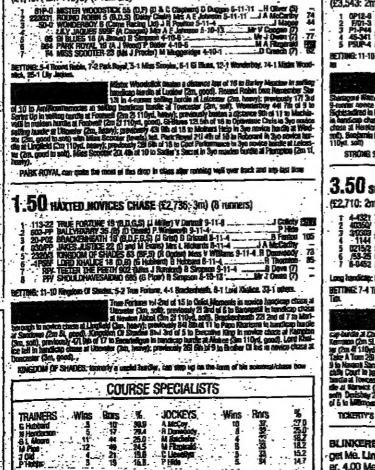


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WOLVERHAMPTON: Trainners: Con-Hurlington, 14 winners from 65 numers, 21.5%, bl. Johnston, 44 from 231, 19.0%; M. Phos, 4 from 26, 15.4%; P. Hastan, 26 from 173, 15.0%; J. Eyre; 26 from 174; 14.9%; T. Barnos, 6 from 41, 14.6%; C. Thornton, 11 from 79, 13.9%. Jonckeeyer, W. Ryan, 12 win-ners from 66 rides, 18.2%; P. Bradley, 5.from 30, 16.7%; O. Peats, 7 from 44, 15.9%; D. Sweeney, 16 from 112, 14.3%; T. McLaugh-lin, 19 from 138, 13.8%; Dane O'Neill, 15 from 199, 13.8%; C. Lowfer, 18 from 133, 13.5%.







### Money-men hound **Bassett out** of office

FOOTBALL

Rob Hughes says firing the Forest

manager is easier than replacing him

FIRING Dave Bassett in the first week of January is akin to dismissing the director of a poorhouse because the children appear less well-nourished, less sure of their social

standing, than royalty.
It is bleak midwinter by the Trent, Supporters are understandably deeply unhappy with a team that has gone 17 FA Carling Premiership matches without a win and succumbed to struggling Portsmouth in the FA Cup. But, in

#### HARRY'S GAME

1944: Born September 4 in Wernbley 1973: Captains Waton & Hersham to ve-lory in Amateur Cup final against Slough 1974: Joins Wimbledon, then in Southern

earguit 981: Succeeds Dano Gradi as manager of 1981: Succeeds Dano Grad as manager of Windheldon, now in that division.

1983-84; Fourth-division title follows relega-tion. Agrees to become Crystal Palaco, manager but changes his mind within a week and stays at Plaugh Lane.

1986: Wins promotion to old first division.

1987-88; Joins Waitord but within half a season moyes to Sheffield United. 983501 moves to are line to create 1989-90: Successive promotions take United back into first division 1994: Relegated from Premer League 1995; Leaves Bramati Lane on December 1995; Leaves 1995;

12 by mutual agreement 1996: Jong Crystal Palace as manager 1997: Resigns to become general manager of Nortingham Forest and later manager

reality, they are not facing up to the fact that their club was not only attempting to live beyond its means, but also that the plc was expecting to make a profit from it.

That is the wider fool's game that has engulfed the Premiership, where less than a handful of mega-rich clubs are drawing away from the others and the remainder are, sive seasons. Living up to

THERE was a degree of circumstan-

tial evidence in support of Ruud Gul-

lit's claims of a Newcastle United curse last night, when it emerged that

Duncan Ferguson, the club's £8 mil-

lion striker, had undergone surgery on

his injured groin. Initial estimates sug-

ferred attacking partnership for up to

A catalogue of injury and illness has

ensured that Ferguson has played just

one complete game alongside Alan Shearer since signing from Everton

two months ago. He limped out of Newcastle's defeat away to Liverpool

nine days ago and is unlikely to return

relatively speaking, in the poverty trap of the highestspending league in the world. Bassett has proven many times that he is a second-half man in that, come the latter part of the season, he wills players to Houdini acts. He did it with Sheffield United and Wimbledon, he figured in six promotions and countless acts of brinkmanship against relegation. He is the eternal

shoestring manager.
He might, at 54, have exhausted the remarkable passions that his career has demonstrated, but surely Nigel Wray, chairman of the plc. and Irving Scholar, the director of football, are not the men to judge his energy levels. They are absentee landlords. Wray more involved with Saracens rugby club, Scholar a resident of Monaco.

Over the years Bassett had shown himself to be one of the most honest and ebullient managers. An England amateur international, his forte became making professional players more profession-al, and anyone who witnessed him on the Sheffield United training ground, breathing conviction into indifferent footballers, knows that it is easier to sack him than replace him.

Of course, the paltry crowd of barely 10,000 at the City Ground on Saturday vented their wrath on the manager. Some of those fans had known the achievements of Brian Clough, who brought to them the European Cup in succes-



Bassett manages a smile for journalists just before his departure from the City Ground

Clough's legacy was, and is, beyond Nottingham Forest. Frank Clark, his prodigy, flirted with it, failed and left. Bassett, bringing Forest up from the first division last summer, must have known instantly that they had not paid the price of admission to the Premiership. Rather than improve the team, Bassett returned from holiday to find that the club, the plc, had sold Kevin Campbell to Trabzonspor, of Turkey.

That split a partnership between Campbell and Pierre van Hooijdonk which had netted 52 of Forest's 82 league goals in the lower division. Van Hooijdonk, abjectly unprofessional, simply withdrew

Ferguson faces six weeks on sidelines

BY GEORGE CAULKIN

to the side until the middle of next have made contact with the player, an offer has not as yet been forthcoming.

A more permanent departure could

be imminent in the shape of Philippe

Albert, the former Belgium interna-

tion with reserve-team football yester-

day. Bradford City will head the queue

for the 31-year-old central defender

should Gullit deem him surplus to re-

Gullit could find himself short of

central defenders should Newcastle

fail to initiate contract negotiations

with Steve Howey. While the dub

his labour. Maybe he was justified in asserting that Forest lacked the ambition to stay in the top flight, but his action destroyed team morale and began there and then to destroy the work of Bassett.

Yet still the club sold, allowing Colin Cooper to return to Middlesbrough, thus weakening their defence. To say that Bassett attempted to replace those players with inferior men is like sending out into the market a man with holes in his purse and expecting him to bring home pearls.

Dave Bassett, in the past, could do it. Peter Reid, with Sunderland, can do it. But there are very, very few who, by dint of their own personali-

The future of Portsmouth is once

more in doubt after the club's parent

company. Blue Star Garages, was

construction firm, Try Build, lodged

papers with the High Court demand-ing payment of the £435,000 owed for

the completion of the KJC Stand, de-

laying the proposed £4 million takeo-

ver by a consortium fronted by War-

Derby County have failed to over-

turn the three-match ban imposed on

ren Smith, the businessman.

sion, can keep raising teams to be greater than the sum of their parts. Rumour has it that Ron Atkinson is next for the job. The fans crave the return of Stuart Pearce. Who knows, the absence land-

lords may even bring on Clough ... that is Nigel Clough, not, alas, the original Dismissing the manager when all around the club is sinking is the roulette-wheel course of the desperate club proprietor. It is easier than accepting that somebody has to be the loser and that the ever-increasing gap in English football predetermines that, nine times out of ten, it is the

Paulo Wanchope, their Costa Rica

striker, for his recent dismissal against

Middlesbrough, while Patrick Vieira must serve a similar ban for being sent

off away to Charlton Athletic, the Foot-

ball Association ruled after reviewing

ing of Frode Kippe, the Norwegian

teenager, today. Kippe, 19, the

Lillestrom centre back, underwent a

medical yesterday with a view to a

£700.000 deal. Lee Sharpe yesterday

became David Platt's first signing as.

Sampdoria manager. Sharpe will move from Leeds United on loan until

video evidence yesterday.

the end of the season.

#### TELEVISION CHOICE

### The house of the future

To the ever-lengthening list of programmes hosted by Carol Vorderman is now added this series on the house of the future. It will take shape over six programmes and seek to dazzle us with its advanced technology and eco-friendliness. It will also seek to show that prefabrication is not a dirty word. The big event toxight is the arrival, in one package, of the bathroom. To prove that it works Vorderman herself is pressed into taking a shower, an event that would probably earn the highest an event that would probably earn the highest ratings in television listory did not the camera step back at the last moment. Presented in a jokey. game show style which sits uncomfortably with its serious content, the series also features high-tech makeovers, other people's dream houses and consumer testing of household gadgets.

Battle of the Senes BBC2, 8,00pm

This series on sex in the animal kingdom should find particular favour with women in the South of England. For it is they, according to a survey by the Glasgow Media Group, who most enjoy sex scenes in wildlife programmes. Battle of the Sexes starts by looking at the tactics employed by males to attract females. Those who have followed Sir-David. no attract females. Those who have followed Sir-David Antenborough's occurre may not be too surprised by what they see, but credit to the pro-gramme-makers for the breadth of their examples. We see built hison elephant seals using violence to see off rivals and witness the no less ferocious fourf-ship battles of the stalk-eyed files. The surpreme sacrifice is made by the red-tailed phasongale, a small Australian marsupial. Males become so charged with sex hormones as they compete for females that after mating they die exhausted.

Survival Special: Lion Oucen ITV. 9.00pm

Scarface, so named after a black scar above her right eye, is a lioness with an unruly past. In her youth she was one of Kenya's big bad cats, a killer of sheep and cattle. For such behaviour she could have been shot. But instead of falling to a marksman's bullet, Scarface was taken to Nakuru National Park and installed as the founder

Hale and Pace try race commentation Jobs for the Boys (BBCI, 10.15pm)

member of a new pride. Barbara Tyack's film fol-lows the experiment over two years, during which time Scarface, her daughters and granddaughters extend the family by giving birth to cubs and the pride comes under threat from three voting bachelor lions from another part of the park. The most spectacular footage is of lions chasing their favourite meal, the warthog, and of Scarface having to take refuge up a tree to escape the atten-tions of a herd of buffalo.

BBC1, 10.15pm

Radio 4, 2.15pm

Gareth Hale and Norman Pace take on somebody else's job with every chance they will make fools of themselves in front of millions of viewers. Here themselves in front of millions of viewers. Here they have agreed to commentate for BBC. Television on one of the most testing of sporting assignments, a horse race, identifying the rubners correctly at every stage is difficult enough, and viewers expect informed analysis as well. True to the format, Hale and Pace seek advice from the professionals and meet nothing but discourage ment. Des Lynam says it would take them is years to do the job property, and they have only five months. Eventually we come to a Saturday afternoon on Grandstand and it is over to Hale and Pace at Aintree, They look as nervous as most peo-Pace at Aintree. They look as nervous as most peo-ple watching will feel. Peter Waymark

Afternoon Play: A Love Song to the Buses

Its finilar vehicles apart, Sarah Woods's drama-documentary has nothing to do with the Flanders and Swann ditty about the London omnibus. Woods has written a highly complex account of a journey through the mind of a victim of Asperger's, Syndrome, a form of autism. The actual voice of Flimibit the autistic greats is complementable.

#### RADIO CHOICE

Fantasy Evening Concert Classic FM: 9.00pm

Why fantasy? Simply because the choice of music isn't Classic FM's but that of a listener who is given a once-in-a-lifetime chance to imagine he is a musical impresario with a small fortune to spend on putting together the kind of concert about which he has always dreams. Tonight's fantasy concert — on records, naturally — is assembled entirely from items selected by Gordon Thompson, of Croydon. His fantasies are not those of other Classic EM faithfuls who prefer to stick to familiar favourates. Tonight's include Boughton's Symphony No 3. Final's Cello Concerto and Party's Overture to an Unwritten Tragedy, Mr Thompson does make one concession to popular taste and it is Butterworth's enchanding Banks of Green Willow.

Dimitri, the autistic savant, is complemented by two actors (Victoria Worsley and David Reithin) as his inner voices. The three of them interact with each other as Dimitri, trying to give his life some semblance of purpose, draws obsessively on the timetables and routes of the local bus company. His state of mind will be better understood if you have seen the film Rain Man in which Dustin Hoffman played an autistic savant.

Peter Davalle

6.30mm Zoe Bell 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Kevin Greening 2.00pm Mari, Racidite 4.00 Chris Moyes 9.00 Dave Peenze 8.00 Steve Lensacz The Evening Session 12.00 Move Update with Mark Kermode 10.10 John Peel 12.00 Gilles Peterson

RADIO 1 (BBC)

RADIO 2 (BBC)

6.00em Alex Lester 7.30 Saráh Kennedy 9.30 Ken Bruce 12.00 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Ed Stewart 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Nick Berradough 6.00 Miles Harding 9.00 The Andy Peebles Soul, Show 10.00 Rouse 65 Revisited (47)-10.30 Richard Allinson 12.00 Lynn Parsons 3.00em Mo Dutta;

RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

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Answers from page 35

(b) The Festival of Epiphany in the Ethiopian Church. The dergy form two parallel lines, facing inwards, with drums at the ends. The lines move inwards and outwards in time with the drums, and everybody chants. SEELING

(a) An old method of obscuring the sight of a hawk by passing threads through the lower eyelids and tying them behind the

(b) A process whereby the residue of crude petrol after annospheric distillation is distilled again under vacuum. FISTMELE (b) in archery, the distance between the handgrip on the belly

side and the string when the bow is braced. SOLUTION TO WINNING MOVE 1 ... Rxh4; 2 gxh4 Qh3; 3 f4 Rxe3 and the white position is in ruins.

4.00 Case Notes Special Tracey Logar explores how science can help interfile couples (f)
4.30 Thinking Allowed -- The Larger Map with

recorded at last year's Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music. This concert pairs Purcet's

6.00am On Air with Stephene Hughes, Includes
Bestroven (Piano Sonata in G. Op 14 No 2);
Shostalcovich (Festival Overture); Brahms (Three
Hungarian Dences); Wienlawski (Potonesia No 1)
9.00 Massterworks with Peter Hobday, Handel
(Concento grosso in A. Op 6 No 11); Ramestu (La
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10.30 Artist of the Weels: Dietrich Rischer-Diestani
11.00 Soemd Stories: Hive Painters — Joseph
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season of concerts from the Adrian Bout Hall,
Birmingham Conservatore. Brindis Quartel.
Schubart (Sing Quartet m G. 0887)
2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philitammonic under
Yan Pascal Torteller, Julian Lloyd Webber, callo
4.00 Epiphamy Carol Service Live from the Chape of
Trinty Cofege, Cambridge, a special service of
carols and secular readings to mark the arrival of
Epiphamy Circetor of music Richard Martow
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Organ scholars Thomas Blunt and Mark Williams
5.00 in Tune Sean Rafferty explores settings of TheJungle Book and other Rudged Kipting leasures.
7.30 Performance on 3: A Barroque Double Bill
Purcell's one-act opera Dido and Aeneas

5.30em World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 inshore Forecast S.AS Prayer for the Day with Lavinia Byrns 5.47 Farming Today Rural issues, with Anna Hill 6.00 Today with James Naughtie and Wirdred Robinson

9.00 Microsok with the Times columnist Libby Purves

9.45 (LW) Daily Service 9.45 (FM) Serial: The Vanished World (3/5)

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3.00 Gerdeners' Question Time Nigel Collodin, SobFlowerdew and Anne Swithinberik answer
questions from gerdeners in Derbyshare (r).

3.30 The Meiting Pot Tom Jaine explores communsm's custicaty consequences in the Bekens

3.45 This Sceptred Isle Anne Massey namates the
history of Britan, drawing on the worde of Winston
Churchil, Read by Paul Eddington (r).

4.00 Case Notes Special Tracey Locen explores how

Beroque Music. This concert pairs Purcell's enduring masterpiece with Acteon, by Marc-Antoine Charpenties. Keterina Kameus, mezzi, Sophie Daneman, sopran, St James's Baroque Singers and Players under for Botton. 9.15 Postscript: Flotnality — Thank Your for lifty Baby by Alison Joseph (3/5) (r) 9.35 Stravinsky Conducts Stravinsky Stravinsky (Jeu de caries). Performed by the Cleveland Orchestra 10.00 Ensemble Includes Schumann (Plano Trio No 2 in F. Op 80): Performed by Vanya Milanova, violin, Paul Waldins, ceto, Caroline Patmer, pand. 10.45 Night Waves Patrick Wright considers the changing nature of illness in the modern age as

10.45 Might Waves Patrick Wright considers the changing nature of itness in the modern age as observed in the latest book by the award winning. American water David B. Morris.

11.30 Jazz Notes The concluding part of a concert featuring the National Youth Jazz Crohestra.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Salent-Saerts (r).

1.00am Through the Might with Donald Macleod.

1.00 Wagner (Wesendork-Leder), Bruckner (Symphony No 3 in D minuto) 2.15 Weber (Clarinet Quantat in B list, Op 34) 3.20 Gershwin (Rhapsody in Bue) 4.35 Gneg (Peer Gynt Suite No 2) 5.10 Brahms (Piano Quantet No 2 in A. Op 26)

10.00 Woman's Hour with Jerns Murray and guests
11.00 The Reclaimers The author Peter Benchley asks
who should own valuable artefacts salvaged from

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11.30 Choice Grantell Maureen Luman reinterprets Joyce Grentel's monotopues and songs (2/4)

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1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke

1.30 Wildbrein Lionel Kellewey chans the second semi-final of the wildlife quiz

2.00 The Archers (r) 2.15 Atternoon Play: A Love Song to the Busies Sarah Woods's take about an eulistic men trarelling on the West Midland buses. With Victoria

Laurie Taylor and guests
5.00 PM With Charite Lee-Potter
6.00 Stx O'Clock News
6.30 Like They've News Been Gone June Whitfield
stars in Mike Coleman's comedy about a mutually
antagonistic Eurovision-winning duo suddenly
thrust back into the limetight. With Roy Hudd and
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8.00 Them and Us Diana Madili chairs a debate on
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on their host country From Haringey Civic Centre
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8.45 Letters of Complaint Tony Hawks examines the Strish tracition of complaining 9.00 Animals Behaving Badily Mike Carwardine sirveys antisocial habits among animals (3/4) 9.30 Midweek († 10.00 The World-Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtimer Nana Pari tree of Emile Zola's novel, read by Julet Stevenson Late Night on 4: Seen Lock's 15 Minetes of Misery The award-winning comedian Seen Lock presents his own brand of downbeat minh from his South London tower block. With Kevin Eldon and Hattie Hayndge

his South London lower DIOCE, with Player Examinated Hattle Hayridge.
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brandion to adulthood in 1970s Cambridgeshire, beginning with the erobic repercussions of a playground encounter (1/5)

11:30 The Cheese Shop Present Comedy sketches, with Steve Davies, Jack Finsborough and songs by Ted Ruby. The Butter Factor (r)

12:00 News 12:30am The Late Book: The Restraint of Beasts Gavin Main reads part eight of Magnus Milis's pale

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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way to Naples to kick off

Stein's Seafood Odyssey (BBC2)?

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gredient needed to cook successful-

ly even the most simple dishes

provise by cooking on a hillside. Ken Hom did it, stir-frying his scal-lops al fresco in California. Now

Rick's done it. You can feel pretty

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mous chef travel all the just wasn't the same. his new cookery series, Rick

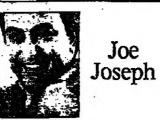
Not that Rick actually travelled to the Naples we ourselves see when we get off the plane. He was Because that way he could be sure in a mysterious Naples which had no 16-year-olds avoiding traffic jams by driving their Vespas along hy even the most simple dishes abroad: a large balcony that looks for horses' heads they could slip out over a spectacular view. Anto-into their enemies' beds. In Rick's nto Carluccio did it. also in Italy Naples, the men beliaved like ex-(though he occasionally had to imwomen all talked like Sophia Loren. "This is like making love," purred Giovanna Rafforne, a Neapolitan explaining the depth of her-passion for food. "Making love is not just physical sex — it's love for everything, the flowers, the sea. Love for cooking is part of all that." beans in this crazy world of television cookery. Delia Smith made a half-hearted stab at it in her recent series by having a new kitchen specially built in her glass-walled conservatory; it afforded leafy views.

over the countryside beyond, but it dients and care about them. Italy is about passion and flavours. They couldn't give a stuff about coriander and lemongrass. They just want to know where the best tomatoes and lemons come from." In this, Rick pinpointed one of the glories of Italian food: Italians have been cooking these dishes for centuries and have reached the conclusion that if they could be improved by adding galangal and coconut milk, then someone would have done it by now. Critics might call this attitude insular. Fans rejoice

> T et in his quest for simplici-Y ty, Rick experiences erratic and alarming mood swings: one moment he's a gentle soul, rhapsodising romantically about tomatoes; the next he ignites fike a chip-pan fire, inveighing against "film-flam garnishes" and "bits of whatnot on the top"; and the next he's reciting emotionally

**REVIEW** 

Garnished with a balcony and sea view



from Tennyson and Conrad, as though afflicted by a peculiarly articulate form of Tourette's syn-

Naturism documentaries may not be the new rock 'n' roll, but they're fast turning into the new television cookery show. Soon every-body'll be making one. You wait years for a film-maker to take his clothes off in front of the camera, and then suddenly two naked film-

makers come along at once. Don Boyd's Full Frontal in Flip Flops the trouble to point out that nud-ism is not just about a group of peo-(ITV) lost some of its punch coming so soon after Channel 4's documentary which covered similar ground (flesh?). It was another gawp at a bunch of people you won't be seeing rifling enthusiasti-cally through the clothes racks in the January sales. But what it lost in punch it made up for in paunch Boyd's paunch — as we watched the director struggle entertainingly with the dilemma of whether or not to join his subjects and go na-

ception along with the guests.

Any thought that the naked option might have been his way of saving money on hiring a morning coat at Moss Bros was soon dispelled when Boyd took to the nudist lifestyle with all the passion of the newly liberated convert. Once he'd taken the plunge, it was hard for Boyd to keep his genitals out of camera shot. But Boyd also took

ked at Sue and Dave's wedding re-

ism is not just about a group of people who feel persecuted by society because they find clothes restrictive. He interviewed James Scarlett, who was raided by Customs after they'd intercepted naturist videos showing a French holiday camp, in which children were frolicking naked. Scarlett eventually won his case.

B ut what was intriguing about this episode was not that it made you wonder why anybody would want to watch a video of a French holiday camp, it was the startling advocacy skills of Scarlett's lawyer, who told Boyd that: "You cannot possibly take items like this and take them off the market and all of a sudden paedophilia as a problem will disappear. As a lawyer I have occasionally had to deal with cases of bestiality: that doesn't mean to say that you shouldn't be allowed to take

photographs of sheep." It's certainly a bewitching argument, especially if you've had a lot to drink.

Launching a new series of Great Railway Journeys (BBC2), Ian His-lop travelled mostly hopefully across India - from Calcutta in the East to Jaisalmer in the West somehow pulling off the trick of doing many of the travelogue things you see television visitors do in India but making them seem fresh. Maybe Hislop's engaging and observant journey will do for Indian tourism what Delia did for such familiar staples as eggs and omelette pans, and we'll all find ourselves booking holidays on the enticing "palace on wheels" from Jaipur to Jodhpur this year. But as he hung. sweating, from the strap of one of Calcutta's new subway trains, Hislop - packed in as snug as a cigarette in a new pack of Marlboros — told us: "You don't really go to India. You get in it." Still, at least they weren't all naked, too.

BBC1 6.00am Business Breakfast (41254) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (87983) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8936761) 9.45 The Vanessa Show (1) (5309631) 10.55 News; Weather (T) (7275525) 11-00 Real Rooms (7285902)

11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (7255761) 11.55 News; Weather (T) (1488457) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (58322) 12.30 Battersea Dogs' Home (83506) 1.00 One O'Clock News (1) (80070)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (86969761) 1.40 Neighbours Lou, Madge and Harold continue feeding (T) (65656877) 2.05 tronside A tobacconist unwittingly becomes involved in narcotics dealing. With Raymond Burr (r) (7932051) 2.55 Going for a Song (8834506)

3.20 The Weather Show Weather stories and reports (T) (2265457) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (9875326) 3.45 Little Monsters (9350457) 3.50 Chuckevision (8367419) 4.10 See it Saw It (4334411) 4.35 The Wild: House (1991693) 5.00 Newsround (5738322). 5.10 Blue Peter (6878877)

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7.30 CHEIGE Dream House New series. Carol Vordeman and a learn of experts attempt to build a dream house for the 21st century (1) (235) 8.00 Changing Rooms New series. The team come to the rescue of four neighbours whose kitchens are badly in need of a

revamp (1) (9896)

8.30 Battersea Doge\* Home Snauna Lowry introduces the first of a saries of high-lights from the daytime documentary. The comedian Sean Hughes visits the shelter to choose a competion for his dog Bill (1/6) (1) (6/10916).

8.50 National Lottery: Amazing Lock Stories Musician David Curiss.

celebrates an unexpected success (1) (939877)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News. Weather (1) (6167) 9.30 The X Files A computer program with its own reasoning and conscience destroys

its creator and plans further destruction (1) (750341) 10.15 Jubs for the Boys New series. Hale and Pace by their hand at sports commentary (1) (263525) 11.10 Volcano: Fire on the Mountain (1997)
Première. Dan Cortese stars in this desaster move about en licyllic ski resort thrown into panic by the eruption of a nearby volcano. Directed by Graeme Campbell (1) (355815)

12.35am The Cassandra Crossing (1976) A

wounded terrorist carrying a deadly virus
boards a transcontinental train, risking
the lives of all on board. Disaster epic,
starting Burt Lancaster and Martin Sheen.
Directed by George Cosmatos (T)

2.35 Weather (4935552). 2.40 BBC News 24 (24970216) .

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and 3.25 (98379693) ...

5.30 Wildilfe on Two (728) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation A boy rescued from a wrecked spacecraft claims alliens attacked the ship — but is he telling the truth? (r) (T) (462322) 6.45 Buffy the Vampire Slayer A series of unipleasant accidents disrupts the cheer-

unipleasant accidents disrupts leader auditions (T) (235525) 7.30 Tales from the Riverbank Geoffrey Palmer looks at all aspects of angling, spending a summer day fishing a trout stream (r) (1) (877)



Buil elephant seals fighting for the right to mate (8pm)

8.00 Battle of the Sexes New series. Samuel West nameles en insight into the sex lives of animals revealing a competitive, selfish and violent battle for supremacy where biggest is often best as aggressive males vie for the ultimate prize - a mate (1) (7438)

8.30 Horse Front Salvage expert Neville Griffiths shows how to recreate a period bathroom (T) (9273) 9.00 Red Dwarf VI The crew find themselves

facing a gang of virtual reality gunslingers inside Kryten's electronic mindscape. (/) 9.30 Clockwatch. How the coming of the

railways led to a change in the way the country told the time (1) (169457) 9.40 The Flow of Time The paredoxes of time, questioning the long-held belief that it flows like a river and suggesting instead that the future and past are very much out there (T) (384457). ::

10.20 Trade Secrets Photographers reveal all (f) (T) (544419) 10.30 Newsnight Presented by Jeremy Paxman (T) (480490)

11.13 Suspended in Time (1) (938877) 11.15 Darts: World Professional Champior ships Round-up of the action (548148) 11.55 Weather (720070) 12.00 The Phil Silvers Show Doberman

stands for mayor (r) (33303)

5.30am ITN Morning News (87544) 6.00 GMTV (6068186) 9.25 Trisha (1) (2393612)

10,25 This Morning (i) (62821631) 12.15pm HTV News (T) (9626235) 12.30 TTN Lunchtime News (T) (42542)

1:00 WEST: Next Stop Local news update from Shepton Mallet, presented by Richard Wyatt and Polly Lloyd (82438) 1.00 WALES: Shortland Street (82438) 1.30 Home and Away Gypsy doubts Will's sincerity (T) (92083)

2.00 The Jerry Springer Show Outrageous anything-goes talk show (T) (2166341) , 2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T) (173612) 3.15 ITN News Headlines (T) (2253612)

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(T) (8544) 7.30 Coronation Street Alf's funeral proves a trying occasion for Audrey (T) (631) 8.00 Who Wants to be a Millionaire? Big-prize game show (T) (4964)

8.30 Police, Camera, Action! The pursuit of a runaway coach on the M1 and a car thief whose 150mph getaway bid falled to shake off the officers on his tail (T) (3099)



Scarface the lioness and her cubs in the Nakuru National Park (9pm)

9.00 CHOICE Survival Special The story of Scarface, a honess who ives in the Nakuru National Park along with her eight cubs (T) (6419) 10.00 News at Ten; Weather (1) (51419)

10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (796693) 10.40 Shining Through (1992) A secretary discovers her boss moonlights as a spy for American military intelligence. Romantic tholler, starting Michael Douglas and Melanie Griffith, Directed by David Seltzer (1) (65643867)

1.05am Strangers (1990) Drama about a businessman whose life is thrown into turmoit by his relationships with time different women. James Healey stars. Directed by Craig Lahiff (713668) 2.45 Masterclass Wayne Sleep (7108303) 3.10 Club@vision (1) (4937587)

3.55 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (8339736) 4.55 ITV Nightscreen (73108213) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (46484)

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7.00 The Big Breakfast (70693) 9.00 The Cosby Show (r) (T) (61896) 9.30 Ten North Frederick (1958) Family drama, with Gary Cooper. Directed by Philip Dunne (1) (18273) 11.30 Here's One i Made Earlier (r) (T) (3070)

12.00pm Sesame Street (41032) 12.30 Bewitched (42524) 1.00 Pet Rescue The work of RSPCA centres

(i) (f) (73780) • 1.30 Web Animated short (79343506) 1.35 Golden Giri (1951) Musical about a woman who becomes a showbiz star, intle realising the heartache waiting just around the comer Mitzi Gaynor stars

Directed by Lloyd Bacon (T) (20425051) 3.30 Hampton Court Palace Joe Cowell describes the night, in 1986, when the palace caught lire (1) (525)

4.00 Fifteen-to-One Highlights (r) (1) (772) 4.30 Countdown (1) (1985032) 4.55 Ricki Lake (1) (4096490) 5:30 Pet Rescue The RSPCA team rescue a

cat wedged underneath a bridge and rush it to the Ark for a check-up (1) (896) 6.00 Caroline in the City Del and Charlie find love in the launderette and Caroline consults her boyfriend for advice about her poorly cat (659254)

6.25 Suddenly Susen A friend begins to take up too much of Susan's time, and Jack tries to improve work relations (667273) 6.55 Planet Pop Music news (783070)

7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (958099) 7.55 Cuban Faces What everyday life is like in Habana Vieja (3/5) (1) (803693) 8.00 Brookside Gernma has a shock in store

(T) (2506) 8.30 The Real Holiday Show Three Glasgow pals take a trip to Turkey, the Cunliffes from Lancashire book a last-minute family holiday to Minorca and a travel agent visits Jordan (7/8) (1) (4341)



Robbie Coltrane stars as the psychologist Fitz (9pm)

9.00 Cracker Part two. The teacher accused of murdering a leenage boy confesses to the crime, but DCI Bilborough soon notices inconsistencies in his testimony.
Robbie Coltrane and Christopher Ecclesion star (2/2) (T) (88767612)

11.05 Whose Line is it Anyway? With Ryan Stiles and Phil LaMarr (156051) 11.35 Fidel Portrait of the Cuban President whose leadership of his troubled country has kept him in the spotlight (253099)

1.10am Board X Last year's snowboarding festival (r) (6030228) 1.40 Gazzetta Football Italia Round-up of the week's action (r) (797755)

3.35 Transworld Sport (f) (8326262) 4.30 The Power and the Glory (1933) Drama, told entirely in flashback, about the rags-to-riches rise of an industrial tycoon, With Spencer Tracy Directed by William K Howard (4633823)

#### CHANNEL 5 6.00am 5 News and Sport With Becky

7.00 WideWorld The realthes of rural life in Victorian England (r) (T) (9269544) 7.30 Milkshake! (3502867) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r) (9990457) 8.00 Havakazoo (1) (1330148) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (1339419)

9.00 Hot Property (1353099) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (6782693) 10.20 Sunset Beach (T) (2380341) 11.10 Leezs (r) (2277167) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (1333235)

12.30 Family Affairs Annie tells Chris they're through (r) (T): 5 News Update (9109964) 1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Sheila is found in a pool of blood (T) (9268815)

1.30 The Roseanne Show (9108235) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (6529235) 2.30 Good Afternoon Daily entertainment, 5 News Update (4728099) 3.30 Joe Dancer — The Big Black Pill (TVM

1981) A private detective is wrongly accused of murder, and follows a trail of corruption that leads to a wealthy tamily. With Robert Blake and JoBeth Williams Directed by Reza Badily (9895490)

5.20 Sunset Beach (r) (T) (6351419)

6.00 100 Per Cent (5480544) 6.30 Family Affairs Dave works his charm on Annie (T) (5471896)

7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (6523051) 7.30 Champions of the Wild The work of the Tigers Forever project, which was set up to highlight the illegal trade in animal parts (1) (5460780)

8.00 The Pepsi Chart From London's Sound Republic, presented by Dr Fox. Featuring a performance by the Lighthouse Family. 5 News Update (6549099) 8.30 Road Rages New series exploring the

origin of the modern phenomenon of road rage", and separating myth from reality surrounding such unknown quantities as lemale car owners and unday drivers (1/6) (T) (6528506) 9.00 Those Secrets (TVM 1991) A young

es a prostitute when her marriage falls apart. Emotional drama, with Blair Brown, Ariss Howard and Paul Guilfoyle. Directed by David Manson; (1) 5 News



Gall Porter stands in for Melinda

10.40 Not Melinda's Big Night in Showbo chat hosted by Gail Porter (3686490) 11.20 Strange Luck New senes about a journalist who attracts good luck. After helping Chance to deliver a baby, Angle decides to find out what a typical day in his life is like (5914083)

12.15am NHL: American Ice Hockey St Louis Blues at Varicouver Carrucks (89850858) 4.40 Club Class Cornedy (r) (72706804) 5.05 Move on Up (r) (85856945)

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Bassett angry over dismissal

### Forest target Atkinson in survival fight

THE uneasy and occasionally fractious relationship between Dave Bassett and the Notting-ham Forest plc directors ended yesterday with an acrimonious departure from the club that he guided into the FA Carling Premiership last season. Bassett had read of his impending dismissal in the morning newspapers before his worst fears were confirmed by

Phil Soar, the chief executive. Although Micky Adams, his assistant, has been placed in temporary charge for the visit to Coventry City on Saturday. the board will meet 24 hours earlier to discuss a replace-ment. Ron Atkinson, at present on holiday in Bermuda, is the clear favourite having shepherded Sheffield Wednesday to safety in 1997-98. The task at Forest, in twentieth place and without a win in 17 league garnes, a Premiership record, would appear to be

son was among the candi-dates, but said that no contact had yet been made "to my knowledge". Any approach will come from Irving Scholar, the director in charge of the club's football affairs, who decided Bassett's fate. In an unfortunate slip of the

tongue as he read a prepared statement, Soar said that Bassett was leaving "by mutual consent", only to correct the error in his next breath. For once, the garrulous Bassett kept his observations succinct before he left the City Ground for the last time. The relative brevity of his comments amplified his frustration.

"Getting the sack is part and parcel of football. It is a volatile business and I am more upset at the way it has been sation payment may amount to several hundred thousand pounds, said.

The club have done it in an



Bassett, left, returns from training to hear his fate yesterday

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it confirmed is a rather rude way of doing business. It shows the difference in quality of dealing with people. When I was sacked by Elton John at Watford he called me to his agent's home. We sat down and sorted out the situation we were both upset but real-ised what had to happen. We had a glass of champagne and remain friends." It is hard to imagine him sharing a drink with his latest employers.

Bassett was appointed as general manager of Forest in March 1997, a month after the club had been taken over by a five-man consortium that included Soar, Scholar and cens Rugby Football Club. He assumed full control after Stuart Pearce left for Newcastle United, when Forest slipped into the Nationwide League first division, and supervised an immediate re-

turn to the Premiership. However, problems surfaced last summer with the sales of Colin Cooper and Kevin Campbell and the decision of Pierre van Hooijdonk to conduct a one-man strike in Holland. Bassett was further aggrieved when the board paved the way for Van Hooijdonk to return two months into the season, having bought Neil Shipperley as a replace-ment for £1.5 million.

He felt that the Holland international forward would undermine morale and the pair never disguised a mutual intipathy. While suggesting that "the majority of players think they have let Dave Bassett down", Adams admitted that "some are highly nleased" with his departure a clear indication that all is not well in the dressing-room.

Despite spending around £17 million in 22 months. Basseit felt more money needed to be made available as attempts to sign Brian Deane and Nathan Blake were scuppered on the grounds of cost. Indeed, Atkinson may be reluctant to accept the job of saving Forest from a third relegation in seven seasons, knowing that any funds must be generated through sales. There is also unease among supporters, who have protested more vocally against the board than Bassett after each of the past

two home games. Wray, the majority shareholder and plc chairman, said on Monday that the bank would not give any more money. A share flotation last summer realised just £2 million. "This is where we are and we have to get out of it," Wray

Referring to the financial situation, Geoff Thomas, one of the most successful signings before injury took hold, said that Bassett "has been punished for something that was not in his control". He added: "Dave is one of the best motivators in the game. With the results we have had there was going to be a question mark, but whether somebody else can come in and turn it around ... I don't know if that is the answer."



Stewart, the England captain, third from left, and his players look on as Australia celebrate their victory in the fifth Test and the Ashes series

### England revival gives Stewart opportunity to bat for Lloyd

SYDNEY (fourth day of five): Australia beat England by 98

EMBOLDENED by defeat in which there was, eventually. no dishonour, Alec Stewart yesterday made a plea for continuity in the management of the England team. His remarks may seem untimely on the day another Ashes series was lost 3-1, but Stewart recognised it as a moment in which he could speak from strength.

Stewart wants to continue in the captaincy when his appointment expires after the World Cup in June. Moreover, and far less likely, he wants David Lloyd to remain as coach and he is plainly pre-pared to bend a few ears to achieve it. He used the

after-match ceremony as his first platform, specifying in his speech what help he had enjoyed from Lloyd and adding: "I would like to think we'll go on working together for some while to come." In the media conference that followed, he returned to the topic. "David Lloyd has done a tremendous job as coach and I hope he con-

tinues to do it." Stewart said. This was the second calculating intervention Stewart has made on Lloyd's behalf in the space of four months. Back in September, as Lloyd wavered over his future after a second stern reprimand for public statements. Stewart sought out media outlets in which to

voice his support of the coach. Now, aware that there are those seeking a change, and that Lloyd's response to it has been to identify his own time to stand aside. Stewart has spoken out again. He chose his moment well, for this was Hounded out, page 38 a day, indeed a fortnight, on which England heads could be three Tests I hadn't seen much

change in their cricket, but the

blue skies and hot sunshine

brought another fine crowd.

alive with expectation. Yester-

day's attendance of 27,754

raised the match aggregate to

142,282, rescuing the budget of

the Australian Board after the

Boxing Day washout and three-day finish in Mel-

bourne. It also proved beyond

valid argument that the Ashes

retains its status as the great-

grand scale to believe Eng-

It required optimism on a

quired, but they had

probably not bargained

on losing one of their

most important wickets

est of cricket's attractions.

A fourth morning of clear

last two were different."

The final Test of a series far more memorable than had seemed likely ended 20 minutes after lunch on its fourth afternoon. The fantasy of an England victory faded fast once Stuart MacGill, upstaging Shane Warne once more, had eliminated the middle order on his way to match figures of 12 for 107.

It was an outcome that had seemed inevitable since England lost the toss, yet they had hurled themselves at Australia with such ferocity that, fleetingly, one of the most remarkable of all Test victories had been a possibility. So often, it has been the manner of defeat that

> and Taylor has proved himself the most sure-footed of men Michael Henderson on the Australia

has dismayed England followers. Here, it was the manner of it that cheered the thousands of supporters who had turned Sydney, like Barbados a year ago, into an outpost of St John's Wood.

Praise came from all quarters. Typically, Mark Taylor was gracious in victory. The Australia captain said he felt England had played better in Sydney than in the Melbourne Test they won. He added: "We have been challenged over the last ten days. England haven't just made us wobble, they've nailed us. They bowled us out twice in each game, which I had always thought would be their problem. In the first

land's eight remaining wickets would yield the 183 runs still re-The race is not always to the swift,

to seam bowling. Glenn McGrath dismissed Mark Ramprakash through a smart, low catch at first slip by Tayfor, taking him past Allan Border to the captain, page 35 world catches record of 157. Warne opened from

the other end and repeatedly spun the ball past the bat without reward. "He's not at his best yet," Taylor said. "As they say in racing, he will be better for the run, but although one leggie got 12 wickets and the other only two, I didn't think there was

much between them." Nasser Hussain was once again batting with great skill and intensity, working the ball into gaps for the singles that cluded his team-mates. It was a violent square drive for four, though, that saw McGrath out of the attack and ushered the game towards a rapid end.

MacGill, unrecognisable from the erratic bowler who began the series in Brisbane,

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN SYDNEY

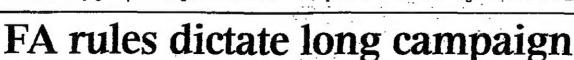
needed only nine balls to open his day's collection, bowling Graeme Hick behind his legs as he missed a sweep. Hussain, when 44, was missed by Healy off MacGill but it was Colin Miller, firing in his off breaks, who removed John Crawley with a questionable leg-before decision.

Warren Hegg, who has proved no more productive than his predecessors at No 7. toe-ended a catch to Healy instraining to reach a long-hop from MacGill, who then effectively ended the contest by taking a return catch from Hussain as he checked a drive.

The game squeezed past the lunch break and MacGill

ets in four overs. Tudor was went to an instinctive grab from Healy and finally, Such saw his powerful shot strike the heel of Slater, at stilly point, and lob up for MacGill to catch in the style of a man who

can do no wrong. Stewart led his players across to the stand where England's more vocal supporters had chanted through four days. Then he spoke with honesty of a series that had slipped away before England began to play. I think 3-1 was a fair reflection because we underperformed for the first three Tests." he said. But when we are really up against it, we fight back well."



THOSE who believe that the Football Association should press ahead with the appointment of a new chairman immediately, rather than waiting until the sum-mer, received powerful backing yesterday from one of the leading candidates for the position. David Sheepshanks, chairman of Ipswich Town and one of the favourites to succeed Keith Wiseman, who resigned on Monday, believes the

interim period is unhelpful. "It is a pity that it will take so long," he said, "but the constitution of the FA only allows the election of the chairman once

a year, at its annual meeting."
That will ensure five months of electioneering until the vote in June but none of the expected candidates would declare their hand yesterday for fear of being seen as too eager. "I am flattered by the attention in the press," Sheepshanks said. "but we will have to wait and see. It is a huge job with a lot of challenges to be chairman until June, has yet to declare

Matt Dickinson says. candidates for the

FA chairmanship are biding their time

met on and off the field." There seems little doubt, though, that the old Etonian will stand.

However, his position would be complicated should Ipswich Town win promotion from the Nationwide League first division this season. As one of the Football League's representatives on the FA Council. Sheepshanks would have to seek re-election either through his local association or from the Premier League. Geoff Thompson, who is deputising as his hand but seems certain to stand, while David Dein, vice-chairman of Arsenal, and Dave Richards, chairman of Sheffield Wednesday, will canvas opin-ion from Premiership chairmen first.

Next week, the FA's executive committee will have the first look at a working party's proposals for reform of the association. These are expected to include a plan to cut drastically the number of councillors from the amateur game by merging county associations into larger regions. How much power the FA Carting Premiership clubs should wield is certain to cause lively debate as will. suggestions that Wiseman's successor should become the organisation's first: naid chairman.

Applications for the post of chief executive will also be sifted through next week and it has to be decided whether the appointment should be made before or after the issue of the chairmanship is resolved.

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